

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom, Marla, Diana and Alarie

FROM: Hans

DATE: December 5, 2011

SUBJECT: **PAUL DULBERG - NEW CLIENT**

On December 1, 2011, I met Paul Dulberg and his mother, concerning a recent injury that Paul suffered at a friend's house due to a chainsaw accident on June 28, 2011. Paul was referred to our office by a former client, Hubert McArtor. Paul had previously been with Francisco Botto in Woodstock but they rejected the case. He did sign a contract with Botto but we have correspondence in the file that they rejected him and sent him away. They did not refer him to us. Apparently, they rejected the case because they did not think that they would be able to prove that the defendant was more than 50% negligent causing the accident. I disagree.

Paul's contact information is as follows:

Paul Dulberg
4606 Hayden Court
McHenry, IL 60051
847/497-4250
SSN 323-76-4001
DOB 03-19-70
DOA 06/28/11

Paul describes that he was at a friend's house, Caroline and Bill McGuire who live at 1016 W. Elder Avenue, McHenry, IL 60051, phone 815/344-4274. The McGuire's son, Dave was at the home and Dave was cutting up some tree limbs in the yard. Caroline had called Paul over to the house earlier to see if he wanted the wood for firewood. Dave asked Paul to hold some tree limbs while he cut them up. He had held two tree branches previously and then about an hour after he arrived he was holding another branch and Dave suddenly swung around with the chainsaw rising it in the air and cutting his Paul's forearm severely while holding on to a branch. Paul said that the chainsaw went about 40% through his forearm. Dave took him immediately to NIMC where they stitched him up. It was a very deep and open wound. Unfortunately, he did not take any photos of the wound. Instead, he followed up with his family physician, Dr. Frank Sek on Route 120 in McHenry who removed the stitches about a week later. Dr. Sek thought there was going to be possible nerve damage due to his arm being very painful. About two weeks later he went to a doctor at the Associates in Neurology in Libertyville and they took an EMG test which found that there were some branch nerves that had been severed which may be the cause of his ongoing pain. They thought that the pain was probably more ligamentous and they referred him to Dr. Paul Papierski, phone 847/247-0547. That was in August. He has not returned to see Dr. Papierski because apparently they needed an MRI and he did not have money to pay for an MRI. I urged him to return

to see Dr. Papierski and to have the MRI done even if they have to hold a lien on our case. His arm is very painful when he lifts anything and he drops things continuously. He said that he will follow up with Dr. Papierski and advise me further what needs to be done as far as treatment.

At the time of the accident he was not employed but he had been just recently hired when the accident occurred by AMS Screw Products in Spring Grove. He was going to earn \$12 an hour for 40 hours per week. He had talked to Karen over at AMS Screw and she agreed to hire him, but unfortunately, he was injured before he could start work. Their phone number is 732/545-8888x231.

The central issue in my view in this case is whether there is insurance coverage. Since the son was not living with the McGuire's at the time of the accident, it may be that David Gagnon is not going to be insured for the accident. However, Paul and his mother advised me that Dave also had a home and lived at 39010 90th Place in Genoa City, Wisconsin. Therefore, hopefully he has homeowner's insurance that will apply to this claim as well as med-pay coverage to help pay for the MRI that needs to be done.

The McGuire's were insured by:

Auto Owners Insurance
Tom Malatia, Adjuster
6000 Tallgate Road, Suite D
Elgin, IL 60123
847/587-3077
847/531-5420
847/531-8063x3808 gen. #
Claim No. 13-2779-11

By copy of this memo, I ask **Alarie** to set up a new file.

By copy of this memo, I ask **Marla** to order the medical records and bills from NIMC, Dr. Frank Sek and Associates in Neurology in Libertyville. Please also diary the 1 and 2 year SOL deadlines in this case.

Thanks,

Hans