

## **Drake Negotiates Settlement of Uninsured Motorist Claims for total of \$425,000**

While returning from the grocery store, our clients (husband and wife who had been married for 32 years) were struck from behind by another vehicle. Due to the injuries he sustained, Husband was hospitalized and was released seven (7) days later. Wife received much more serious injuries, which resulted in her death fifteen (15) days after the accident. At the time of her death, Wife had three (3) children from a previous marriage.

After filing the Complaint, Drake's investigation revealed the defendant only had Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) of liability insurance provided through his automobile policy. Shortly after this determination, Husband died from non-accident related reasons.

Creatively, Drake asserted claims against each of the three (3) children's uninsured motorist coverage provided through their respective automobile policies. Following various legal arguments relative to the validity of such claims, Drake was able to successfully settle with each of the insurance companies for the policy limits (approximately) provided under each policy.

The last uninsured motorist claim was settled in July of 2008.