

# NEW YORK CITY

## VEHICLE OPERATOR v. TRAFFIC SIGNAL REPAIR COMPANY SUPREME COURT OF NEW YORK, KINGS COUNTY



Scott Haworth, Abigail Rossman and Alexander Bylinkin obtained a voluntary discontinuance on behalf of a traffic signal repair company in a negligence/personal injury action arising out of an automobile accident. The accident occurred when the defendant driver allegedly ignored a red traffic light and struck plaintiff's vehicle at an intersection in Brooklyn, New York. Plaintiff argued that in addition to the defendant driver, the City of New York was responsible for ensuring that all traffic control devices are in working condition.

The defendant driver commenced a third-party action against our client, a company retained by the City of New York to perform repair and maintenance to various traffic signals. A voluntary discontinuance was obtained upon the completion of jury selection based on our argument that the signal repair company did not owe an independent duty to any third-parties. There was no evidence to support the theory that our client was the proximate cause of plaintiff's accident.



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