

## **Automobile Collision Leaves Physical and Emotional Scars**

On the evening of August 26, 2002, Jane Doe was with friends on their way to meet a group of other friends for ice cream. Little did she know this night would change her life forever. As she was traveling westbound on University Parkway, Jane was involved in a rollover crash that was so severe, *Bayflite* helicopter emergency services were required.

Jane suffered a severe laceration from her nose to the crown of her head, temporomandibular joint (TMJ) problems and back problems. Due to the severity of her injuries, Jane was admitted to Bayfront Hospital and eventually released to follow up with her team of physicians. During the litigation of Ms. Doe's case, we discovered that the individual driving the other vehicle involved in the crash was drinking alcohol prior to the crash and his alcohol level was higher than permitted by Florida law.

Shortly before trial, the parties decided to resolve the case for a substantial amount including punitive damages that were pled against the Defendant. Fortunately for Ms. Doe, she was wearing her seat belt; otherwise, her injuries would have been much worse. Ms. Doe has now graduated from technical school and is working full time. When she looks in the mirror every day, however, she is reminded of the dangers of drinking and driving.