

Seven Year Battle Comes To A Close

In 1998, Jane Doe (Client's name withheld to protect privacy) was working at a local restaurant when she severely injured her lower back. After some initial conservative treatment, Ms. Doe underwent surgical intervention in an attempt to relieve her inexorable pain. Unfortunately, in a scenario that is all too often seen in cases such as this, her worker's compensation insurance company repeatedly denied medical procedures that were recommended by her treating physicians.

Ms. Doe's attorney, Gregory P. Linehan, represented her in numerous hearings before the Judge of Compensation Claims to secure the recommended benefits. Before Ms. Doe's case was settled in late 2005, she was determined to be permanently and totally disabled, required assistance with daily activities and was wheelchair-bound. Despite her constant battle with the insurance company and her ongoing, chronic pain, Ms. Doe is resolved to live her life to the fullest.

Ms. Doe's case is a prime example of the continuing struggles of Florida workers attempting to navigate the worker's compensation system without a level playing field with the insurance companies.