



## **Panish Shea & Boyle LLP Obtains \$6.5 Million Settlement Against City of Los Angeles for Injured Bicyclist**

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LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Panish Shea & Boyle LLP attorneys Brian Panish, Spencer Lucas and Jefferson Saylor obtained a \$6,500,000 settlement for a man who was catastrophically injured when he was thrown from his bicycle after coming into contact with a large pothole while riding through the streets of Los Angeles. The Los Angeles City Council approved the settlement on Wednesday, September 6, with a 11-0 vote.

On the afternoon of May 2, 2015, Plaintiff Peter Godefroy was legally riding his bicycle on Valley Vista Boulevard near Woodman Avenue in the City of Los Angeles. Unable to avoid a large pothole in the road, the Sherman Oaks resident was forced to ride over it and lost control of his bicycle, falling to the ground. As a result of the accident, the 56-year-old cyclist suffered severe injuries including a traumatic brain injury as well as numerous broken bones throughout his body.

Despite the high presence of pedestrian and a bicyclist traffic in the area and the negligently maintained roadway, there were no warning signs alerting the public of this dangerous condition.

"We are happy that the City has taken responsibility for the safety of the roadway at issue that caused Mr. Godefroy's life-changing injury," attorney Spencer Lucas says of the settlement. "We are proud of the bravery that Peter and his family have shown throughout this case and hope that this settlement can improve the quality of his life despite his ongoing injuries."

***Godefroy v. City of Los Angeles, et al.***

Superior Court in the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Central District  
Case No. BC593101

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