



## National Insurance Company Caught with Its Pants Down by Long Island Lawyer

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When Long Island personal injury lawyer [Robert Bashner's client](#), the victim of a car accident, had a claim rejected by a very well-known national insurance company, he was taken by surprise since the insurance company sent over a medical report from their doctor agreeing that the injuries were caused by the accident and surgery was warranted. Bashner soon found out that the report had been sent in error, and he was given a second medical report that contradicted the first and denied medical coverage.

Bashner's client had suffered a bad neck and back sprain from the accident that ended up requiring a complicated and expensive operation. The insurance company hired a doctor to review the records to see if the injuries and subsequent surgery were causally related to the accident. That doctor concluded that the surgery was related and that the bills should be paid. Did the insurance company pay the bill? No. Instead they hired a second doctor to look over the report, and this doctor concluded that no causal relationship between the accident and the surgery had been established. The client's medical claim was denied. However, when [Bashner](#) called the company to see the report, he was mistakenly sent the first doctor's report—the one that clearly indicated the operation was necessary and related to the accident.

"Basically, when the first doctor established that payment should be made, the insurance company shopped around and found a doctor who we have seen in the past and routinely denies payment of medical bills and treatment," said Bashner. "Had they not accidentally sent us the wrong report, we might never have found out."

"This is an outrageous example of the big, powerful insurance company taking advantage of the little guy and ripping her off. Our client had been paying them premiums just so that if an [accident](#) happened she would be covered."

"As a long-time practicing personal injury lawyer, I know insurance companies engage in this type of dishonest behavior but it is difficult to prove. However for this case I have proof—copies of two opposing medical reports for the same client sent over by the insurance company." Attached are redacted versions of these reports.

"This is why it is so important to try and get all the reports and paperwork from the insurance company when they deny coverage. This type of behavior is just outrageous, and more oversight is needed to protect the rights of accident victims."

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