

## **Nassau Litigator Acquitted in Insurance Fraud Scheme**

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Matthew Conroy, a Nassau County commercial litigator, was acquitted Monday of federal charges connected with a large no-fault insurance fraud scheme.

In February 2012, the Southern District U.S. Attorney's Office alleged that more than 35 people, including Conroy, were involved in a systematic scheme to defraud insurance companies of more than \$279 million under New York's no-fault automobile insurance law.

Prosecutors said it was the largest single no-fault automobile insurance fraud ever charged.

They alleged that Conroy consulted and directed other members of the scheme on aspects of criminal activity. Conroy was charged with conspiracy to commit mail fraud, mail fraud, health care fraud, health care fraud conspiracy, and racketeering conspiracy, according to a 2014 superseding indictment.

**Conroy and the government waived a jury trial, and the government chose not pursue the racketeering charge, said his attorney, Bruce Barket, a partner at Barket Marion Epstein & Kearon.**

After a bench trial before Southern District Judge J. Paul Oetken ([See Profile](#)), the judge found him not guilty on the four other counts.

**"We're deeply appreciative that the court agreed that Matt did not engage in criminal conduct," Barket said. Conroy was also represented by associate Aida Leisenring.**

At the time he was charged, Conroy practiced at Blodnick Conroy Fazio & Diglio. Conroy, 45, practices at Schwartz Law in Garden City.

In an October 2014 news release, the U.S. Attorney's office said 31 defendants linked to the scheme have pleaded guilty to, among other charges, conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

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