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the defendant which was barred by the statute of limitations.<sup>10</sup> The court recognized the fraud cause of action, holding that whenever the fraud is extraneous to the barred cause of action it may be the basis for a separate claim, with the benefit of the discovery provisions of the CPLR.<sup>11</sup>

In *DeVito*, the court properly sustained the cause of action for fraud since the misrepresentation was directed at preventing the commencement of the action for personal injuries. Such fraud is separate and distinct from the original tort; one inflicting personal injuries, the other preventing just recompense for such injuries. This is unlike *Brick v. Cohen-Hall-Marx Co.*,<sup>12</sup> where royalties under a sales contract were fraudulently computed. Such a misrepresentation of royalties due under a sales contract was held to be so integral a part of the contract, however fraudulent, that the essence of the action was in contract. Thus in *Brick*, the fraud was not extraneous to the original grounds for relief.

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In *Dinerman v. Sutton*,<sup>13</sup> the court refused to allow plaintiff the benefit of the CPLR 205(a) extension holding that the six-month period runs from the entering of the order terminating the prior action and not from service on plaintiff of the order.<sup>14</sup> Furthermore, the court rejected plaintiff's argument that the filing of notice of appeal tolls the six-month extension, stating that mere filing of a notice of appeal is of no effect where there was no disposition of the merits on appeal.<sup>15</sup> If the appeal is prosecuted, the six-month extension runs from the date of entry of the order determining the appeal or, in the alternative, from the entry of judgment on remittitur.<sup>16</sup>

*CPLR 213(2): MVAIC uninsured motorist endorsement makes six-year contract statute of limitations applicable.*

The Insurance Law dictates that every automobile liability insurance contract must include a statement by the carrier that the

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<sup>10</sup> CPLR 214(5).

<sup>11</sup> CPLR 213(9). The plaintiff will have two years from the discovery of the fraud or six years from its perpetration which ever is longer. Compare CPLR 213(9), with CPLR 203(f).

<sup>12</sup> 276 N.Y. 259, 11 N.E.2d 902 (1937).

<sup>13</sup> 45 Misc. 2d 791, 258 N.Y.S.2d 13 (Sup. Ct. Queens County 1965).

<sup>14</sup> Cf. *Troiano v. Kinney Motors, Inc.*, 276 App. Div. 869, 93 N.Y.S.2d 368 (2d Dep't 1949).

<sup>15</sup> *Accord*, *Taylor v. G.P. Putnam's & Son*, 41 Misc. 2d 1003, 247 N.Y.S.2d 80 (Sup. Ct. 1964).

<sup>16</sup> 7B MCKINNEY'S CPLR 205, supp. commentary 21 (1965).