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Case Studies

Settlement of Slip and Fall Accident on Ice

Our client, a 37 year old man, fell on an isolated patch of ice on the walkway entrance to the building where he worked. The accident occurred at 7:30 a.m. in mid November. There had been no precipitation in 48 hours. The temperature the night before the accident was below freezing. The building sprinkler system was still working and was on in the early morning hours. The building was unlocked at 7:00 a.m, but the owners had nobody on the premises to check the grounds at opening. After the client fell, another co-worker fell on a different patch of ice in the same area and another tenant reported the icy conditions to the owner shortly after both accidents.

Our client landed flat on his back and had immediate low back pain. For the next 2 years he tried to alleviate the pain with conservative treatment, but obtained no relief despite undergoing physical therapy, epidural steroid injections and facet joint block injections and taking pain medication. He then underwent surgery where his spine was fused at one level by inserting screws in his back. Surgery provided him with great relief from the pain.

We filed suit in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia. After the completion of discovery, the parties participated in a court mandated settlement conference. At the conclusion of the conference, we remained with defense counsel and continued negotiations and after a morning of negotiating arrived at a settlement for \$322,500.