

Case Description: SLIP AND FALL

Plaintiff's Profile: 81 year old female, retired

Defendant: Regional Grocery chain to remain anonymous due to a confidentiality agreement.

Alleged Injuries: Fractured 3 bones in pelvis and other injuries to her person

Settlement: \$75,000.00

Facts of Case:

On the evening of November 13, 2010, at approximately 8:15 p.m., Betty R., her husband, and their son, arrived at a large, east coast, grocery chain in Bethesda, Maryland, to pick up a box of cookies for dessert. Betty R. left her husband and son in the car while she went in to pick up the cookies. As Betty entered the store, she was walking alone, looking straight ahead, not in a hurried manner. She wore low heeled shoes and the only thing she carried in her hands was cash. On her way to the bakery department, Betty had to pass through the produce and deli departments. Suddenly and without warning, through no fault of her own, Betty R. slipped on a very large oily, slick surface and fell violently to the ground.

There were no signs posted in the area or at the site of the spill to warn customers to stay away from the area.

Betty R. was unable to lift herself off the ground due to the slick surface.

Betty R.'s husband and son came into the store looking for Betty and found her sprawled out on the floor. They too were unable to get to Betty because of the slippery substance covering the floor.

The EMT arrived at the scene but had a very difficult time reaching her because of the very large area of a slippery substance on the floor.

As a result of the slip and fall, Betty R. fractured 3 bones in her pelvis and sustained other

serious injuries to her person. Betty R. was transferred to the emergency room at Suburban Hospital. Betty was sent to radiology for an assessment of her injuries. CT Scans were taken of her abdomen, pelvis, hip, and chest. The scans revealed “Acute comminuted left superior and inferior rami fractures as well as a left sacral alae fracture which appears to extend to the sacroiliac joint. Expected adjacent subcutaneous stranding and hemorrhage...Marked Subcutaneous stranding and hemorrhage along the left lateral hip...” and “Left superior and inferior pubic rami fractures.”

Betty R. was admitted to Suburban Hospital due to fractures of the hip and pelvis and remained hospitalized until discharged home on November 17, 2010.

Once home, Betty R. was not able to care for herself nor was she able to perform her household duties. She had to hire a nurse to physically help her and a housekeeper to complete her daily household duties.

Medical costs incurred were \$11,225.94. A confidential settlement was reached in the amount of \$75,000.00.