

\$250,000. Settlement ~ Premises Liability ~ Slip and Fall - Spring 2015

Mr. Molinari represented a 53 year old woman who claimed that she slipped in a strip mall parking lot in Weehawken, New Jersey causing her to sustain a fracture to her left femur that required a placement of a rod between her knee and her hip. Her claim was that the parking lot had numerous cracks in the blacktop surface that had been repaired using commercial crack fill. On the day of the fall, the plaintiff alleged that it was raining and the crack fill had become very slippery and she fell as a result of it. The defense did not deny that the incident took place in its' parking lot but denied that the surface was slippery and served an expert report that measured the coefficient of friction and claimed that the surface was well within acceptable standards. Plaintiff hired her own expert who claimed that the surface did not meet the acceptable standards. The case settled for \$250,000 just prior to Trial with all of the plaintiff's medical bills having been paid through private health insurance and no wage loss claim was being made.