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## DEFENSE VERDICT



### **Favorable Verdict: Slip and Fall With Multiple Surgeries (Miami-Dade County)**

On July 20, 2017, Orlando Partner Paul Jones, Esq. and Miami Partner Luis Menendez-Aponte, Esq. obtained a favorable verdict in the slip and fall matter styled ***Pineda v. Defendant Store***. Plaintiff slipped and fell in Defendant's store from water leaking from melting ice bags. The store had six months of repair work orders from the ice machine producing melting ice leading up to the day of the incident. Plaintiff sustained a large abrasion on her knee from the fall that was captured in photographs. She actively treated with an orthopedic surgeon which ultimately resulted in two surgeries involving her knee and her shoulder. Plaintiff incurred \$133,755 in medical bills.

At trial, the plaintiff presented documentary evidence and testimony from her orthopedic surgeon that she required additional surgery, including a total knee replacement, from the fall. The plaintiff asked the jury for \$330,755. The jury rejected the future care, found the plaintiff 50% at fault for the fall, and declined to award her any pain and suffering damages. The net verdict was approximately \$68,000, half of the plaintiff's final demand before trial.

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