

## VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

# Woman who fell down stairs in St. Louis reaches \$1.5M settlement

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A woman was awarded a \$1.5 million settlement by the owner of the building where she was employed after she was injured slipping on a flight of stairs, according to her attorney.



Gary Burger



Michael Sheldon

The woman entered an enclosed stairwell on the third floor of the building and as she approached the stairs, she slipped on a foam pad that was obstructing the walkway, according to the details of the settlement. She fell and struck her head on the stair handrail and fell down several stairs.

She “suffered a concussion with loss of consciousness,

visual and cognitive impairment, a tear of the left rotator cuff, and neck and back injuries. She underwent arthroscopic rotator cuff surgery, required extensive rehabilitation, and treated with various specialists,” according to the settlement.

The building owner initially disputed the nature of the plaintiff’s injuries and made a pre-suit offer of \$220,000.

Gary Burger and Michael Sheldon of Burger Law in St. Louis, the plaintiff’s attorneys, found evidence that the building’s maintenance workers were using the foam pads to soak up leaking water from the ceiling. They claimed the workers negligently left the foam on the floor without any warning signs or barricades.

The plaintiff’s attorneys filed suit against the building owner in St. Louis County and ulti-

mately settled for \$1.5 million, 30 times more than the paid medical damages.

### **PERSONAL INJURY**

**Type:** Settlement

**Total Value:** \$1.5 million

**Breakdown and distribution of Total Value:** The Plaintiff initially requested \$1.8 million

**Injuries Alleged:** Head, brain, neck, back, spine shoulder, arm, elbow, wrist, hand, eye

**Venue:** Confidential -Missouri

**Case Number/Date:** Confidential/3/6/2024

**Caption:** Confidential v. Confidential

**Plaintiffs’ Attorneys:** Gary Burger and Michael Sheldon of Burger Law in St. Louis

**Defendant’s Attorney:** Jacqueline Duvall