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Florida Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Dade County.  
JOAN MILEWSKI-SULANO vs. ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES, LTD.  
01-13841 CA 24

DATE OF VERDICT/SETTLEMENT: July 21, 2004

TOPIC: Falldown/Cruise Ship

SUMMARY:

VERDICT: For the Defendant on July 21, 2004.

EXPERT-WITNESSES:

PLAINTIFF'S: Douglas Herskowitz, M.D., Neurosurgery (video depo)

[Sun Lee](#), M.D., Neurosurgery, Philadelphia, PA (video depo)

DEFENDANT'S: [Stephen Gervin](#), M.D., Neurosurgery, Pembroke Pines

ATTORNEY(S):

Plaintiff's: [Andrew Waks](#) and [Joel Barnett](#) of Waks & Barnett, P.A., Miami

Defendant's: [Jerry Hamilton](#) and Jennifer Quildon-Miller of Houck, Hamilton & Anderson, Miami

JUDGE: [Fredricka Smith](#)

RANGE AMOUNT: \$0

STATE: Florida

COUNTY: Miami-Dade

NATURE OF INJURY: Aggravation of a pre-existing condition resulting in an anterior cervical discectomy and fusion at C5-C6 and C6-C7. Defendant alleged that the fall did not aggravate Plaintiff's pre-existing condition.

SUMMARY:

Plaintiff Information:

Age: 41

Sex: F

Occupation: Pharmaceutical Salesperson

FACTS:

Cause of Injury: On July 16, 2001, Plaintiff was a passenger aboard the Voyager of the Seas, a cruise ship owned and operated by Defendant. That evening, as Plaintiff was walking through the main dining room, she allegedly slipped and fell on a wet marble/granite tile floor surrounding a waiter work area. Plaintiff claimed that the floor had been freshly mopped and no warnings of any kind were given to the passengers. Defendant claimed that the floor was not wet at the time of the accident and that there was no reason for Plaintiff to walk in the work station area because there was an alternate safe way to walk down a large carpeted walkway.

**(Publication page references are not available for this document.)**

NOTES:

Editor's Note: The jury found that there was no negligence on the part of Defendant which was a legal cause of loss, injury, or damage to Plaintiff. Plaintiff's Motion for New Trial is pending.

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