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## ***ATTORNEYS PETERFRIEND, O'CONNELL & WEINGER STRIKE A WIN WITH A SLIP & FALL VICTORY!***



***Attorney Bill Peterfriend***



***Attorney Erin O'Connell***



***Attorney Daniel Weinger***

Attorneys William Peterfriend, Erin O'Connell and Daniel Weinger prevailed for their client, a local bowling alley. Plaintiff claimed injuries and damages stemming from a slip and fall due to an alleged malfunction of a Keigel Ion lane machine that allegedly dropped oil when moved from lane to lane. Plaintiff claimed she slipped in the dripped oil and fell while bowling in a league at the Verdes Tropicana bowling alley. Initially, Plaintiff demanded \$800K, claiming her medical bills were over \$120K, and growing. At mediation, she demanded \$450K and alleged she had seen Defendant's mechanic operating a lane-oiling machine prior to her fall. She claimed Defendant was negligent by allowing oil to spill onto the ground in front of the foul-ball line. Throughout discovery, the defense was able to bring out inconsistencies in Plaintiff's testimony and version of events. The defense learned of voicemails left by the Plaintiff on her daughter's cellular phone. The voicemails evidenced Plaintiff offering her daughter money in exchange for her daughter to lie about the fact that she observed and/or felt oil on the ground before her mother fell. Plaintiff's final voicemails for her daughter evidenced offers of \$10K, then \$100K in exchange for her testimony. Defendant filed its Motion to Strike the Pleadings for Fraud on the Court based upon the attempt to suborn witness testimony. The Court Granted Defendant's Motion.