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## DEFENSE VERDICT



### **Favorable Verdict: Slip and Fall with Multiple Surgeries (Seminole County)**

On June 8, 2017, Orlando Partner Paul Jones, Esq. and Senior Associate Douglas Petro, Esq. obtained a favorable verdict in the slip and fall matter styled ***Alba v. Defendant Store***. Plaintiff slipped and fell on a liquid left behind by the store's floor scrubbing machine and there were no warning cones in place at the time. Plaintiff incurred \$300,000 in medicals for multiple surgeries (knee arthroscopy, cervical fusion, hardware removal from prior lumbar fusion) with another \$140,000 needed for future medical expenses including revision surgeries testified to by her treating neurosurgeon.

Plaintiff asked the jury for over \$800,000 in total. The jury awarded \$18,000 representing the cost of initial treatment only and no award for pain and suffering damages. Defendant prevailed on its proposal for settlement and Plaintiff's Motion for New Trial was denied.

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