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**Kopka Pinkus Dolin & Eads Successfully Defends Client in Premises Liability Case**

**Chicago, IL** — Kopka Pinkus Dolin & Eads announces the defense verdict obtained by Chicago partner, **Joel D. Groenewold** in his most recent trial on behalf of a client and their insurer.

The plaintiff sued a Waukegan grocery store asking the jury for \$5.2 million, for damages to her back, legs, a wrist fracture, and other injuries she incurred after slipping and falling on some water on the floor near a freezer island in the store. The plaintiff had pre-existing problems with her back and knees. The plaintiff retained an expert witness to provide her with causation between all of the damages claimed and the incident. Although her treating physicians testified that she sustained merely soft tissue injuries and a possible wrist fracture as a result of this incident, plaintiff was claiming extensive injuries and medical treatment, including lumbar fusion and arthroscopic surgery to her left knee. The jury found 10% comparative fault against the plaintiff, based on the cross-examination of the plaintiff.

**Mr. Groenewold** settled with the third-party defendant mid-trial for \$50,000.00 and then suggested in his closing argument that the jury award \$65,000. The jury returned the verdict for \$64,940, which was reduced to \$58,440.60 for plaintiff's comparative fault. The client was very pleased that it only had to pay just over \$8,000.00 on a case involving clear liability, over \$200,000.00 in claimed medical damages, and over \$1.4 million in claimed lost wages.

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