



And The Defense Wins

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DRI members [D. Gary Lovell, Jr.](#), partner, and [Douglas W. MacKelcan](#), associate, with **Carlock, Copeland & Stair** in Charleston obtained a defense verdict for a national auto parts store in a premises liability case after a two-day trial in Charleston County, South Carolina. In this case, the plaintiff fell as she was exiting the store and broke her finger, requiring emergency surgery and months of physical therapy. The plaintiff claimed the store failed to remedy a dangerous condition that caused her to fall; however, the jury determined that the store was not negligent in its maintenance and supervision of the premises and returned the verdict in favor of the defense after approximately two hours of deliberation.

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