

VERDICTS & SETTLEMENTS

Woman missed a year of work after blow to head at store

\$1.3 million settlement



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Plaintiff was a customer in a retail store that was undergoing renovations. A contractor was performing work above a display case when he accidentally kicked a cardboard sign that was framed with steel while climbing down a step ladder. The construction area was not roped off and there were no signs warning of overhead work. The cardboard sign, which weighed approximately 11 pounds, struck plaintiff in the head.

Plaintiff was subsequently diagnosed with a

mild TBI by nine medical providers. Plaintiff was working as a nurse practitioner and missed about a year of work due to her injuries.

The case settled at mediation before plaintiff was deposed and before the defendants identified their expert witnesses.

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Type of action: Premises liability

Injuries alleged: Mild traumatic brain injury

Tried before: Mediation

Name of judge or mediator: Hon. Thomas S. Shadrick (Ret.)

Date resolved: Sept. 26, 2019

Special damages: Past medicals: \$105,910; Past wage loss: \$157,744

Verdict or settlement: Settlement

Amount: \$1,300,000

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