

## Defense Verdict in Premises Liability Case

### **Reina Resnik v City of Los Angeles, Gabriel's Cleaning, et al.**

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On December 18, 2025, a jury in the Los Angeles County Superior Court-Van Nuys Division returned a unanimous verdict in favor of Gabriel's Cleaning and Pressure Washing, LLC in a lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Reina Resnik. Will Kronenberg served as defense counsel for Gabriels. There were 4 other defendants at trial including the City of Los Angeles, AEG Management, Classic Parking and the LA Convention Center LACC.

The lawsuit stemmed from injuries sustained by the Plaintiff following a fall in a parking facility at the former Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles. The plaintiff was on her way to a Laker's game and, after parking, she fell down a concrete staircase at the Cherry Street Garage. She claimed that Gabriel's and the other defendants had created a dangerous condition in the staircase by failing to keep it free of debris and garbage.

Plaintiff sustained serious injuries in the fall including an acute trimalleolar fracture of her left ankle, lateral dislocation of the tibiotalar joint and injury to her lumbar spine. She underwent emergency surgery with placement of hardware in her left ankle followed by a second surgery due to the non-union of the hardware to bone. Her surgeon testified she would require a third surgery to remove the hardware followed by a fourth surgery, either an ankle fusion or total ankle replacement. The Plaintiff asked the jury to award \$5,365,000.

Following six days of testimony, the jury deliberated for three hours and returned a unanimous verdict in favor of the defense.