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Defense Verdict: \$100K Demand Slip and Fall (Hillsborough)

On September 20, 2018, Tampa Managing Partner Anthony Petrillo, Esq. and Senior Associate Michael Bohnenberger, Esq. received a defense verdict in the slip and fall matter styled Smith, Jonnie Mae v. United Services Group. Plaintiff alleged that she slipped in a puddle of dark liquid located on the floor in front of the Dairy Queen/Orange Julius located inside the University Mall. Video surveillance footage of the area was able to show that no such puddle existed. The case was bifurcated and only liability was at issue at the time the Defense verdict was entered.

Plaintiff claimed that as a result of the slip and fall, she suffered from bilateral ankle sprains and torn ligaments with resulting lifetime brace requirement, bilateral knee injuries with resulting lifetime brace requirement, left hip pain, back injury, right elbow injury with resulting lifetime brace requirement, and bilateral wrist injuries. Based on her medical records, Defendants found that Plaintiff had an extensive list of ongoing medical conditions that pre-dated the incident at issue, including pre-existing conditions in the same body parts alleged to have been injured in this incident. More importantly, Plaintiff also suffered from a joint-debilitating condition known as Marfan's syndrome and had multiple syncope episodes that resulted in falls in the past. ■