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## **Civil Jury Verdicts**

Timely coverage of civil jury verdicts in Indiana including court, division, presiding judge, parties, cause number, attorneys and results. Equipment Negligence - A woman participating as a vendor at an event held at a casino was injured when a carbon dioxide tank being handled by employees of a different vendor rolled onto her foot; the woman claimed to have suffered permanent Complex Regional Pain Syndrome due to the incident Piskuloski v. Shoreline Brewery, 45D05-1304-CT-48

45D05-1304-CT-48
Plaintiff: Terrence Rubino and
Michael E. Polen, Jr., Rubino Rum

Michael E. Polen, Jr., Rubino Ruman Crosmer & Polen, Dyer

Defense: Thomas E. Rosta, Metzger Rosta, LLP., Noblesville

Verdict: \$2,184,000 for plaintiff County: Lake, Superior

Court: J. Davis, 9-27-17

On 4-7-11, the Horseshoe Casino, located at 777 Casino Center Drive in Hammond, was hosting an event called the "Big Midwest Smoke Out." This was a marketing event primarily for the benefit of cigar manufacturers. Guests who signed up for and attended the event could receive free cigars as samples from the various vendors. Also, at least a few alcohol manufacturers appear to have participated.

One of the vendors with a presence at the casino that day was the Michigan City Brewing Company d/b/a Shoreline Brewery. Another company participating in the event



Terrence Rubino for the plaintiff

was an entity now known as Glazers Distributing, a marketing company that was there to promote the products of a client called "Patrón Tequila". The Glazers Distributing team was led by the company's marketing director, 36 year-old Mariana Piskuloski.

After the event had ended, Piskuloski's team members set about the business of loading up their cars with their equipment and supplies. This process involved repeatedly passing through a service exit that featured a ramp leading down to a parking area.

As Piskuloski walked down the ramp, she noticed employees of Shoreline Brewery moving up the opposite side of the ramp and pushing a rolling cart. The cart had a