

## **Drake Negotiates Settlement of Slip-and-Fall Claim for \$435,000**

Our client was at a shoe store located in Augusta when she tripped and fell over a “rubber strip” which served as a transition barrier between hardwood flooring and carpeted flooring. When she made contact with the floor, she sustained a severe fracture of her hip. Two surgeries were necessary to repair her hip. Furthermore, almost a year of physical therapy was required to return her to her pre-fall physical health.

Through discovery Drake found that the shoe store employees never received any training to inspect for dangerous conditions in the store. Also, the shoe store did not have any material safety policies in effect that were to be followed by its employees. Furthermore, Drake was able to get the manager of the shoe store to admit in his deposition that the “rubber strip” was a dangerous condition that existed in the store that should have been detected by him or his employees.

This case settled in September of 2008.