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## MILLION-DOLLAR SETTLEMENTS

VIRGINIA'S MILLION-DOLLAR SETTLEMENTS OF 2017



**#14** \$2.75 Million

**Man slipped on black ice at airport, suffered TBI**

**Type of case:** Personal Injury

**Court:** Fairfax Circuit Court

**Name of mediator:** Hon. Johanna Fitzpatrick (Ret.)

**Attorneys:** Peter S. Everett, Robert J. Stoney, and Lainie R. Singerman, Fairfax



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Plaintiff was a 69-year-old international consultant when he slipped and fell on black ice at an airport on January 6, 2015. He hit his head on a metal door frame and may have experienced brief loss of consciousness. He immediately experienced dizziness, vertigo, headache, and nausea. He was taken to the hospital for evaluation and discharged hours later.

The airport had allowed ice to accumulate despite the ease of eliminating the hazard through the use of anti-icing agents or a non-slip surface. In deposition, the airport's own employees testified that they were not provided the necessary equipment to clear ice off the area.

Plaintiff had been a highly productive and sought-after international consultant in his field for several decades at the time of his injury.

After his TBI, however, he was only able to tolerate two to four hours of work per day and suffered aggravation of his TBI symptoms when he did so.