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Taylor & Walker Attorney Wins Summary Judgment For Property Management Company Client In Premises Liability Case

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In the case of *Shirley Musolino v. Hampton Roads Management Associates, Inc.*, filed in the Gloucester County Circuit Court, the plaintiff suffered a severe injury when she slipped on ice in the parking lot of the Hayes Shopping Center which was managed by a property management company. Plaintiff filed suit against the company claiming that it had a common law duty to maintain the parking lot in a safe condition and was negligent in allowing an accumulation of ice upon which plaintiff fell. Taylor & Walker partner, Brian N. Casey, filed a motion for summary judgment on behalf of the management company stating that, under Virginia law, the management company had no common law duty to the plaintiff to maintain the parking lot, and instead, the management company's duty was defined by its contract with the property owner. Mr. Casey argued that plaintiff was not a beneficiary of the management contract and had no cause of action against the management company. The trial court agreed with Mr. Casey's argument and granted summary judgment for the management company and dismissed the case with prejudice.

Mr. Casey and Taylor & Walker attorneys represent many businesses in all types of premises liability cases in both federal and state courts throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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