

Sacco & Fillas, LLP holds an absentee landlord and contractor liable for damages to the tune of \$1,000,000.00.

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On his way home from work, a man walking down the street in a residential neighborhood of Woodside, Queens, came across a poorly lit, cracked sidewalk adjacent to an abandoned house. The poor lighting and derelict condition of the sidewalk caused the man to trip and fall causing him to sustain injuries to his lower back. While experiencing only moderate pain initially, the injuries suffered by the man who fell at the location worsened over time causing him to undergo a procedure to the lower back and significantly limited his capacity to work.

Without any means of supporting himself and his family and no way to pay for the extensive treatment for his injuries, he turned to Sacco & Fillas.

The daunting task of finding the liable party for our client's loss started when our staff visited the accident site. Upon inspection, it was clear that construction work had been underway at the premises at some time. Neighbors were interviewed and by all accounts, construction was abandoned and the house left vacant for many years. It was difficult to ascertain what work was done at the location and who performed the work.

During our inspection of the site with the client, it was discovered that the hole that caused his fall was created when scaffolding had been removed from the sidewalk. Our team of investigators immediately dug up all the permits that were filed by contractors over the past 5 years and soon uncovered the parties that were responsible for the condition that endangered the people in the neighborhood and caused our client's accident. Our investigative team also found violations for the poor lighting conditions issued by the City of New York and the entities to which those violations were issued.

After years of extensive litigation, we were finally able to give our client his day in Court. We are extremely happy to report that our efforts have yielded a judgment against the owner of the property and the negligent contractor in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. The judgment was obtained by our senior trial counsel Andrew Wiese. Congratulations to Mr. Wiese and the rest of our staff who helped bring about this tremendous result.