



Brian Donnelly and Melissa Manna Win Defense Verdict in Suffolk County

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Partner Brian Donnelly, and second chair associate Melissa Manna, obtained a defense verdict for our client Speedway after trial before Judge James F. Matthews in the Supreme Court, Suffolk County.

The plaintiff claimed that she suffered second-degree burns on her right dominant hand resulting in permanent scarring as a result of spilling hot tea she had purchased at Speedway.

The plaintiff's activities inside the store were captured on the store's video surveillance system. We retained an expert to conduct a frame by frame analysis of the video which was shown to the jury by our trial technician. In addition, we retained a mechanical engineer with specific expertise in the areas of fluids and heat transfer.

The last settlement demand was \$300,000, no offers were made.

Attorneys

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