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## **Plaintiff Awarded \$750,000 after Slip-and-Fall at Hardeeville Gas Station**

*Joye Law Firm represents woman who required shoulder replacement surgery*

**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C., July 12, 2011**—Attorney Christopher McCool of Joye Law Firm recently won a \$750,000 judgment against Rolling Frito-Lay Sales and Brabham Oil Company, Inc. on behalf of his client Joanne Cagle, who suffered serious injury after slipping and falling on a flattened cardboard box. (Case No. 2009-CP-27-029, Court of Common Pleas for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit)

According to the complaint, the injury occurred on September 11, 2007, when Cagle entered E-Z Shop # 19 located at 131 Independence Blvd. in Hardeeville, South Carolina. While in the store, Cagle stepped on a flattened cardboard box that caused her to slip and fall to the floor. The impact dislocated her shoulder to such a degree she required total reverse shoulder replacement surgery. The unseen box had been left on the floor by an employee or agent of Frito-Lay and/or Brabham.

In addition to the first surgery, Cagle will most likely need another shoulder replacement surgery in approximately 15 years. The estimated cost for future prescription medication totals about \$150,000.

The jury found defendant Rolling Frito-Lay Sales LP 60 percent negligent, defendant Brabham Oil Company, Inc., 30 percent negligent, and the plaintiff 10 percent negligent. The total verdict amount was \$750,000, which was reduced by 10 percent for the plaintiff's negligence, resulting in \$675,000 for the plaintiff.

“We are pleased the jury found in favor of our client. The jurors closely examined the evidence and certainly understood how hard it was to put a price tag on Ms. Cagle’s pain and suffering during the past few years. They also viewed the likelihood of future surgery as an unfair burden for her to bear alone.”

**Christopher McCool**  
*Attorney*  
Joye Law Firm

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