

VIII/24-30 CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENT -- BUILDING COLLAPSE -- PARAPLEGIA

SETTLEMENT: Paul D'Alessandro v. DeCara Construction Corp. and Elizabeth Prince Assoc. Date of Settlement 9/28/90 New York Supreme

Pltf. Atty: Richard J. Cardali and Richard **Slater**, Manhattan

This \$1,950,000 settlement was for a 24-year-old construction worker who was injured on 6/5/83 while working on the renovation of a building at 210-216 Elizabeth St. in Manhattan. Deft. DeCara Construction was the general contractor and Deft. Elizabeth Prince Assoc. was the owner of the building.

Pltf. claimed that he was pouring a concrete slab on the sixth floor when the building collapsed. He fell six floors and was struck by falling debris. Pltf. claimed that the floor under the concrete was not properly shored and that C-joists were improperly used to secure the temporary wood floor, which was used as a form for the concrete slab. He also contended that Defts. violated § 240 of the Labor Law. Injuries: paraplegia. Pltf. is confined to a wheelchair.