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Padilla v. Young II An

Supreme Court of New Jersey - June 13, 2024 - A.3d - 2024 WL 2967043

Pedestrian brought negligence action against owners of vacant commercial lot, alleging injury from tripping and falling while walking on the public sidewalk abutting lot.

The Superior Court, Law Division, granted summary judgment to owners. Pedestrian appealed. The Superior Court, Appellate Division, affirmed. Pedestrian filed petition for certification, which was granted.

The Supreme Court held that all commercial landowners, including owners of vacant commercial lots, must maintain public sidewalks abutting their property in reasonably good condition and can be held liable to pedestrians injured as result of their negligent failure to do so; overruling *Abraham v. Gupta*, 281 N.J. Super. 81, 656 A.2d 850.