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Berman v. Sitrin

Supreme Court of Rhode Island - November 10, 2014 - A.3d - 2014 WL 5818980

Tourist, who was severely injured in fall from public walkway along oceanside cliff, brought negligence action against state and other defendants.

The Supreme Court of Rhode Island held that:

- Trial court acted within its discretion in denying motion for change of venue;
- Trial court acted within its discretion in taking jury to view walkway;
- Trial court's determinations during trial did not violate law of case doctrine;
- Any error in admitting irrelevant evidence regarding ownership of land was not prejudicial;
- Trial court acted within its discretion in excluding letter from college president regarding death of student from fall;
- Trial court's instruction regarding city's liability insurance did not violate rule barring admission of evidence of such insurance; and
- Trial court acted within its discretion in denying motion to vacate judgment based on claims of newly discovered evidence.