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Halvorson v. Sweetwater County School Dist. No. 1

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Student filed suit against school district after she slipped and fell in the locker room of junior high school. The District Court granted judgment in favor of the school district. Student appealed, and school district cross-appealed.

The Supreme Court of Wyoming held that District Court did not clearly err in finding that the school district exercised ordinary care to keep the shower facilities in locker room in reasonably safe condition.

Water carried from wet feet and bodies, as opposed to water “flowing” over a shower boundary, was generally unavoidable in a locker room and did not tend to indicate a substandard degree of care, there was no indication that the drainage system in the locker room was inadequately designed or constructed, plumber for school district stated that he had been required to use a “snake” to unclog drain in the locker room on only one occasion in 16 years, locker room floor was regularly cleaned by janitorial staff, school district implemented appropriate procedures to respond to complaints about slow drains resulting from hair and other debris, and experts agreed that the type of tile used in locker room was considered safe in the industry.