

Melvin M. Friedlander & Associates

Consultant Engineer/Expert Witness/P.E.

Pedestrian Accidents

Premises and Product Liability Consultant and Testimony

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Free Initial Consultation

Qualified in Municipal and Superior Court, Depositions and Arbitrations

Academic Background

BSME, Illinois Institute of Technology

MSc. Engineering UCLA

Former Member of the Faculty, University of Houston

Former Ground School Faculty Member University of Phoenix (UOP)

Former Online Faculty Member (UOP) and Western International University

Professional License

Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer-California No. M020347

Registered Professional Engineer-Texas No. 30479

Professional Societies

Three Committees/American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) on Slip and Fall

- F 13 Traction Committee
- C 21 Ceramic Whiteware and Related products. (For Evaluation Traction and Safety of
 - Ceramic Tile and Related Products
 - F 15 03 Subcommittee for Plumbing Products for Evaluating the Safety of Bathing Surfaces

Secretary for the Ceramic Tile Institute of American Slip Resistance Committee

Forensic Consultants Association San Diego

President Emeritus and Founder of Forensic Expert Witness Association

President Slip and Fall Prevention Institute

Member International Code Council

Areas of Expertise

Amusement Park Water Slides

Sliding Gates

Coefficient of Friction Measurements for Slip Resistance of Walkways, Ramps and Steps

Premises and Product Liability Issues Relating to Pedestrian Accidents

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for Protecting the Disabled from Pedestrian Accidents

Extensive Field Experience in Measuring and Evaluation Safety of Walkways and Steps

Extensive Courtroom and Arbitration Experience in Testifying on Pedestrian Accidents

Lecturer in Minimum Continuing Legal Education on Slip and Fall Matters

Examples of Forensic Engineering Work on Pedestrian Accidents

Type of Accident

Attorney

Slip and Fall on Stairs, Huntington Beach, CA
21660 East Copley Drive, Suite 100
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
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Attorney Tom Rockett

Trip and fall on sidewalk

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Glendale, CA 91203
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Slip and fall on ramp
Single step accident
Restaurant/bar slip and fall
Slip and fall on polished marble

Attorney Michael Cully
187377 Beach Blvd., Suite 104
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
(714) 596-1111

Loading Dock Accident

Attorney Tom McGreal
301 W. Mission Blvd.
Pomona, CA 91766
(909) 620-5000

Slip and Fall on Terrazo

Attorney Mark Wilson
326 Old Newport Boulevard
Newport Beach, CA 92663

(949) 631-3300

MEMBER OF ASTM COMMITTEE F13 This committee does research, evaluates testing methods, and sets standards for current slip resistance testers on all types of walkway surfaces.)

MEMBER OF ASTM COMMITTEE C 21.06 – Sets standards for testing walkway safety on ceramic tile.

MEMBER ASTM COMMITTEE F-462 Sets standards for slip resistance of bathing facilities.

MEMBER AND SECRETARY OF THE CERAMIC TILE INSTITUTE OF AMERICA SLIP RESISTANCE COMMITTEE This committee evaluates methods of slip resistance testing and safe maintenance of ceramic tile surfaces as a source of reliable information to the manufacturers, installers, sellers, and users of ceramic tile.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS ON WALKWAY SAFETY CONCERNS

Melvin M. Friedlander, ***Safety and Traction for Footware***, Tile Industry News, January/February 1995.

Melvin M. Friedlander, ***A Comparison of the James Machine & Brungraber Mark II Slip Testers***, Presented at the Tile Institute of America Educational Seminar, March 12, 1995

Melvin M. Friedlander, ***Testing and Discovery Protocol for Slip and Fall Accidents***, Presented to American States Insurance, September 12, 1995, Costa Mesa, California.

Melvin M. Friedlander, ***Current Methods for Measuring Slip Resistance of Walkways***, Presented at the Marble Institute of America Educational Seminar, October 31, 1995.

Melvin M. Friedlander, ***Development of Safety Standards for Bathing Facilities***, Ceramic Tile Institute of America, Coefficient of Friction Committee Report, October, 1995.

Melvin M. Friedlander, ***Procedures for Evaluating Bathing Facility Slip and Fall Accidents***, Verdicts & Settlements, Supplement to the Los Angeles Daily Journal, December 11, 1998.

Melvin M. Friedlander, ***If the Shoe Slips***, Verdicts & Settlements, November 12, 1999.

Melvin M. Friedlander, ***The Concept of Coefficient of Friction in Slip and Fall Cases***, The GAVEL, Publication of the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association, Spring 2000.

Melvin M. Friedlander, ***The Concept of Coefficient of Friction in Slip and Fall Litigation***, Presented to the March 2002 Meeting of the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association.

Melvin M. Friedlander, ***Concept of Coefficient of Friction a Major Concept in Slip and Fall Litigation***, The Daily Transcript, San Diego, CA August 17, 2007.

Melvin M. Friedlander, ***Expert Witness Methods of Presenting Evidence***, Rotary Club, Sun City, CA 2009

Excerpts from Letters of Recommendation

"I had the pleasure and privilege of working with Melvin M. Friedlander, P.S.E., in connection with a slip and fall accident case which occurred in a newly constructed shower stall. Through Mr. Friedlander's diligent efforts, we learned that the tiles were negligently installed on the floor of said shower stall. That discovery, along with Mr. Friedlander's thorough testing and comprehensive written report provided us with a strong basis bringing about a fair and prompt resolution of this case."

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"I had the pleasure of utilizing Mr. Freidlander's talents in a slip and fall lawsuit in San Bernadino County. The case had some very difficult aspects to it from my end, including the fact that the bathtub was neither slip resistant nor contained any matting which would have prevented the fall. Mr. Freidlander's approach to the case was very instrumental in having the case resolved, to a large jury degree, in my favor. Plaintiff had retained the services of an expert who relied upon a handbook which, unbeknownst to me, was outdated. Plaintiff's expert in turn rendered an opinion that the bathtub flooring did not meet the coefficient of friction as set forth in this handbook. Mr. Freidlander was so knowledgeable in the field, he was aware of the fact that the handbook itself had admitted as much. By attacking the actual source relied upon by plaintiff's expert, Mr. Freidlander was able to discredit this expert and, as I indicated, greatly reduce the value of the plaintiff's case."

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