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Black Rock Trial Lawyers Seeks Accountability for Serious Injuries Following Fall at Harry T's in Destin

TAMPA, Fla. — October 23, 2026 — Black Rock Trial Lawyers, PLLC represents a restaurant patron pursuing negligence claims against Lighthouse on the Harbor Inc., doing business as Harry T's Lighthouse; Harborwalk, LLC; Pat O Building, LLC; and Harborwalk, Inc. The complaint, prepared for the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit in Okaloosa County, alleges that unsafe stairway conditions and inadequate fall protection caused serious injuries.

According to the complaint, the incident occurred on November 5, 2024, as the patron was leaving Harry T's Lighthouse in Destin. After finding the elevator unavailable, he used an exterior stairway leading from the restaurant's second floor. While descending near a turn, he allegedly lost his footing, caught his left elbow over the top railing, and rotated over the barrier, falling approximately 12 feet to the ground.

The complaint alleges that the stairway's protective railing was inadequately configured and too low to provide reasonable protection against a foreseeable loss of balance. It identifies approximate railing heights of 37 inches along the stair flight and 41 inches at the landing. The complaint further alleges that employees knew of previous accidents involving patrons in the same area.

The patron allegedly sustained cervical fractures requiring spinal fusion at C5–C6 with instrumentation, along with thoracic, rib, and foot fractures. The complaint describes resulting medical expenses, pain, physical impairment, sensory symptoms, and loss of enjoyment of life.

The negligence claims concern the restaurant operator's alleged control over patrons' use of the stairway and the other defendants' alleged ownership of the building and retained responsibility for its exterior railings. The complaint alleges failures to reasonably inspect the stairway, address unsafe conditions, provide adequate fall protection, and warn patrons.

Through this action, the plaintiff seeks compensation for medical expenses, lost wages, pain and suffering, and other claimed losses. The complaint seeks damages exceeding $50,000 and requests a jury trial.

Attorney Gil Sanchez of Black Rock Trial Lawyers represents the plaintiff. The claims described are allegations and remain subject to proof in court.

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