## Man struck by loose cable gets \$1.5M

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A man who was struck by a steel cable that came loose from a piece of building equipment in May 2018 has settled his lawsuit for \$1.5 million.

Cook County Associate Judge Melissa A. Durkin dismissed the case on March 30, according to court records.

Tyrone Pullum was walking to work on May 8, 2018, at the same time the defendants — the owners of the building, the engineering company that developed the testing protocol and the scaffolding company — were performing facade access equipment testing at 150 N. Michigan Ave.

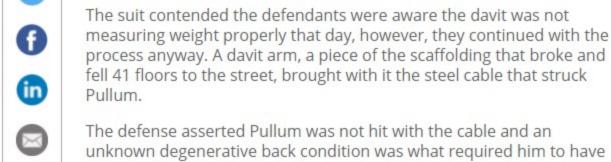


Regina P. Etherton

The purpose of the testing is to ensure the scaffolding can hold any weight needed to clean or repair the outside of a building.

A cable attached to the scaffolding equipment loosened and struck Pullum while he crossed Michigan Avenue, according to court records. He sustained a herniated disc that ultimately required spinal fusion surgery. In addition to his injuries, multiple building windows were broken and nine cars near the building were damaged, according to plaintiff's attorney Regina P. Etherton of Regina P. Etherton & Associates LLC.

Pullum alleged in his lawsuit that during the testing process, the defendants did not properly tie down and secure the davit nor did they get the necessary permits before performing the testing. Typically when this type of work is being done, the sidewalk beneath the scaffolding is closed or traffic is rerouted, Etherton said.





surgery. Additionally, the defense argued Pullum's diabetes resulted in his ongoing neuropathy.

Etherton said both she and her clients were pleased with the resolution



of the case, especially considering the court's growing case backlog as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's much harder to get issues resolved... The process itself has become

The case was mediated before former Cook County circuit judge Dennis J. Burke of ADR Systems.

more difficult with how we're operating right now," she said.

Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates was represented by General Counsel Stephen J. Safranek and Associate General Counsel Edmund A. Stephan, as well as Laurie A. Randolph of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

Safranek declined to comment.

CBRE Global Investors was represented by Geoffrey A. Belzer and Adam T. Ernette of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP.

Belzer declined to comment.

Designed Equipment Corp. was represented by Michael D. Krause, Kristina M. Satek and Gregory V. Ginex of Connolly Krause LLC.

They could not be reached for comment.

The case is *Tyrone Pullum, et al. v. CBRE Global Investors LLC, et al.* 18 L 10026.

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