

Cleaning firm responsible in SIDC fall

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A Supreme Court jury yesterday found a housekeeping and cleaning firm mostly responsible for an accident three years ago in which a supervisor suffered a back injury in a fall at the Staten Island Developmental Center, Willowbrook.

The same jury will begin hearing testimony Monday on the damages to be awarded Dinina Slayne of the Todt Hill Houses, Castleton Corners, in her suit against the Service System Corp.

The jury found that the firm was 56 percent at fault for the accident, and the plaintiff the balance.

At the time of the accident on Feb. 29, 1983, Service System was under contract to United Cerebral Palsy (UCP), which also employed the plaintiff as a therapy aids supervisor.

The plaintiff, a mother of five who is deaf, said she had started to enter a bathroom in the Karl Warner Center to check to determine whether certain repairs had been made, when she slipped on the wet floor. Service System employees were in the process of cleaning the room.

The plaintiff, represented by Robert Gennis, suffered fractures of the spine and had to undergo surgery on two occasions.

The trial is before Justice Charles A. Kuffner Jr. Daniel McNamara represents the defendant.

\$15M sought in injury suit

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An employee at the Staten Island Developmental Center, Willowbrook, who was injured Dec. 13 when he fell 20 feet through a grating at the center's power plant yesterday filed a \$15.5 million lawsuit against two firms.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Ragbir Bunsee and his wife, Basdai, in state Supreme Court in Brooklyn by their lawyer, Anthony L. Ameduri. The couple resides on Van Name Avenue, Mariners Harbor.

Named as defendants were Galson & Galson Consulting Engineers and Harrington Associates, a general contractor. The defendants allegedly had been working on pipes and condensation tanks in the basement of the building where the accident took place.

Bunsee, an assistant stationary engineer, was found on top of a tank about 10 minutes after the accident.