

SEPTEMBER 2013

SETTLEMENT - SNOHOMISH COUNTY

SHI SU CHI, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS THE GAL FOR YUAN YUAN CHEN, A
MINOR, AND XUAN LING CHEN v. GRAND CHINA BUFFET, LLC

Number: 12-2-04707-1

Settlement Date: 2/20/13

Plff Atty: Ronald Unger of Buckley & Associates (Seattle)

Def. Atty: Pamela Andrews of Andrews Skinner (Seattle)

Insurance Co.: Scottsdale

Plff Med.: Abhineet Chowdhary MD (Neurosurgeon-by report) Bellevue

Plff Exp.: Tom Baird (Safety/Slip & Fall) Ridgefield

PREMISES LIABILITY (SLIP & FALL)

HEAD INJURY

6/19/11 - Plff Yuan Yuan, female age 7. Plff contended she slipped and struck her head on a sink in the women's restroom at the China Buffet in Everett, Washington. There were no witnesses and initially, Yuan Yuan appeared to be uninjured. Yuan Yuan's parents testified that after she fell, they looked in the women's restroom and saw that the floor was slippery. Depositions of restaurant employees confirmed that the floor would often get slippery, but that the workers were too busy to clean the restroom during busy times. After depositions were taken, the Def.'s insurer, Scottsdale, agreed to pay its policy limits and the restaurant went out of business.

Injuries: Head injury; intracerebral hemorrhage. Ten hours after her fall, Yuan Yuan developed a severe headache and was taken to the Providence Hospital ER where a successful craniotomy was performed. She was transferred to Harborview's pediatric care unit, then to Children's Hospital where she was discharged in good condition.

Specials: Med. \$50,000 (medical lien); Days in Hosp. - 51 days.

Settlement: Demand: \$1,000,000 (policy limits). Offer: none.

Result: PLAINTIFF SETTLEMENT for \$1,000,000. (All medical expenses were fully compromised for \$50,000.)