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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY APPELLATE DIVISION DOCKET NO. A-2360-17T3

LISA MERMELSTEIN,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

HARBORSIDE UNIT A URBAN RENEWAL, LLC, IRONSTATE DEVELOPMENT, LLC, and AJD CONSTRUCTION CO.,

Defendants-Respondents,

and

CANDLEWOOD JC, UR c/o K. FAHEY-THOMPSON,

Defendant.

Submitted December 4, 2018 – Decided December 11, 2018

Before Judges Fisher and Suter.

On appeal from Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Hudson County, Docket No. L-1474-16.

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the brief).

PER CURIAM

In April 2014, while in Jersey City strolling from one business to another,

plaintiff walked passed defendants' commercial property; she stepped off the

curb, onto the street, and fell. She commenced this suit, claiming defendants'

negligent maintenance of their property triggered the fall. Defendants

successfully moved for summary judgment, and plaintiff now appeals.

We find no merit in the argument that the judge mistakenly granted

summary judgment. An occupier of commercial property owes a duty to users

of abutting sidewalks, Stewart v. 104 Wallace St., Inc., 87 N.J. 146, 159 (1981),

but that duty extends no farther. Plaintiff testified at her deposition that she

stepped "off the curb" and "out into the street" when she "went down." There is

no genuine factual dispute that her fall was not caused by nor occurred on the

abutting sidewalk. Defendants owed plaintiff no duty regarding the condition

of the street.

Affirmed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in my office.

CLERK OF THE APPELLATE DIVISION