

## **Substantial Confidential Settlement Attained for Trip and Fall Injury**

A substantial settlement was achieved for a 65 year old male client of Clete Blakeman and Blakeman Law pc during negotiations on a claim involving a trip and fall incident on a business property. The client, a post-polio survivor, was injured while walking across the parking lot of a local company. He tripped and fell over a 4" high dome-shaped piece of concrete extending up from the lot. The allegations against the property owner were that the protrusion was not readily apparent to users as its color blended with the rest of the parking lot. Furthermore, it was not marked, painted or identified in any way to warn users of the lot. Among all his injuries, the client suffered a broken knee which required surgery. He was placed under general anesthesia and put on a ventilator during the procedure. Although the surgery was successful, the client developed post-op complications. Because of his post-polio respiratory limitations, the complications were magnified and led to him becoming ventilator dependant via a permanent tracheotomy and also has rendered him unable to walk independently. Although the terms of the settlement are confidential, the client and his family were very pleased by the result achieved through the work of Clete Blakeman.