Civil Law Unit 12

Henderson v. Fresh Market Inc.

❶ **Read the text.**

❷ **Fill in the blanks with the words in the box.**

Negligence	Damages	Civil law	Tort
Liable	Breach	Duty of care	

In the Anglo-American legal system, cases involving private disputes between individuals or organizations fall under the umbrella of **(1)** _____. Within this branch, when one party suffers harm due to the actions of another, the injured party can file a claim under **(2)** _____ law. The most common foundation for this type of claim is **(3)** _____. To win such a case, the claimant must prove four specific elements. First, they must establish that the defendant owed them a **(4)** _____ to keep them safe. Second, they must prove that there was a **(5)** _____ of that duty. Third, they must show causation—that the defendant's actions directly caused the injury.

In the recent case of *Henderson v. Fresh Market Inc.*, Mr. Henderson slipped on a wet floor in a supermarket where no warning signs were posted. The court found that the supermarket failed to act as a reasonably prudent business would. Consequently, the court held the supermarket legally **(6)** _____ for Mr. Henderson's broken arm. As a remedy, the judge ordered the supermarket to pay $15,000 in monetary **(7)** _____ to compensate Mr. Henderson for his medical bills and lost wages.

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