

Civil Law Unit 12

Henderson v. Fresh Market Inc.



- 1 Read the text.
- 2 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.