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Woman slips up, but city takes \$1.9M fall

A Bronx jury yesterday awarded a woman \$1.95 million for a broken ankle sustained six years ago when she slipped on ice on a city street, her lawyer said.

Alin Dauria, 27, of 328 Revere Ave., fractured her left ankle Jan. 21, 1984, as she got out of her car at the corner of Bruckner Boulevard and Hollywood Avenue and walked toward the sidewalk.

According to her lawyer, Harry Katz, the woman, a diabetic, walks with a limp because of a "charcot" joint — a complication resulting from her medical condition.

An expert for the city admitted during trial that it should take one day to clean the streets in that part of The Bronx — and it hadn't snowed for two days before the accident, Katz said.

The six-member jury awarded the woman \$800,000 for past pain and suffering, \$1 million for future pain and suffering and \$150,000 to her husband, Ben Dauria, for loss of services.

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