



District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors

Special Meeting of the Executive Committee April 22, 2025 / 3:00 pm

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1. **Call to Order**Unique Morris-Hughes, Chairperson
2. **Roll Call**Michelle Rhodd, Board Secretary
3. **Executive Session¹**Unique Morris-Hughes
 - [To obtain legal advice and preserve attorney-client privilege or settlement terms under D.C. Official Code § 2-575\(b\)\(4\)\(A\)](#)
4. **Adjournment**Unique Morris-Hughes

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¹The DC Water Board of Directors may go into executive session at this meeting pursuant to the District of Columbia Open Meetings Act of 2010, if such action is approved by a majority vote of the Board members who constitute a quorum to discuss certain matters, including but not limited to: matters prohibited from public disclosure pursuant to a court order or law under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(1); terms for negotiating a contract, including an employment contract, under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(2); obtain legal advice and preserve attorney-client privilege or settlement terms under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(4)(A); collective bargaining negotiations under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(5); facility security matters under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(8); disciplinary matters under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(9); personnel matters under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(10); third-party proprietary matters under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(11); train and develop Board members and staff under D.C. Official Codes § 2- 575(b)(12); adjudication action under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(13); civil or criminal matters or violations of laws or regulations where disclosure to the public may harm the investigation under D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(14); and other matters provided under the Act.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Civil Division**

**Solomon Bayu
115 Victor Street, NE,
Apt 1
Washington, DC 20001
Plaintiff,**

Vs.

Civil Action No.: 2025-CAB-002040

**District of Columbia Water & Sewer Authority (DC Water)
5000 Overlook Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20032
Defendant**

**SLIP AND FALL COMPLAINT
(UNPROTECTED SINKHOLE IN ROADWAY)**

Plaintiff, Solomon Bayu, and by and through her attorney, John C. Duru, and demands damages from the Defendant, District of Columbia Water & Sewer Authority(DC Water), and in support thereof states as follows in support of this lawsuit:

That the Plaintiff, Solomon Bayu, is an adult citizen of the District of Columbia and resident Washington, DC.

That the Defendant, District of Columbia Water & Sewer Authority(DC Water)., hereinafter referred to as "DC Water," is a corporation doing business in the District of Columbia, who owned and/or managed the premises known as 100 Block of Victor Street, NE, Washington, DC.

That on or about May 3, 2022, Mr. Solomon Bayu was carefully and prudently operating his vehicle when suddenly bcame upon a sinkhole at the said location and his vehicle was suddenly submerged in the unprotected sink hole causing substantial property damage and severely injuring Mr. Solomon Bayu. As a result of the injuries Mr. Solomon Bayu sustained, Mr. Bayu received emergency medical treatment at an area hospital and he is continuing to receive medical treatment.

At that same time and place, the sinkhole on the street was unprotected; the unprotected sinkhole caused plaintiff's vehicle to be submerged in the sinkhole, causing him severe injuries more fully described below.

Prior to his vehicle being submerged, Plaintiff and other street users put the Defendant on notice by informing the Defendant that the sinkhole on the street was unprotected where his vehicle later submerged in the sinhole.

Solely as a result of the failure of the Defendant to properly protect the sinkhole, Plaintiff

sustained serious and severe injuries to his person, including, but not limited to, the following injuries: contusions to his right arm; fractured right wrist; soreness in right shoulder; post-traumatic pain in right shoulder, arm, and wrist; anxiety; and other serious and severe personal injuries.

Solely as a result of the injuries aforementioned, the Plaintiff has incurred damages, including: Medical expenses; Lost wages; he has, may, and probably will for an indefinite time in the future suffer great pain, inconvenience, embarrassment, and mental anguish;

he has, may, and probably will for an indefinite time in the future be deprived of ordinary pleasures of life, loss of well-being, and equanimity; and his overall health, strength, and vitality have been greatly impaired.

COUNT I: NEGLIGENCE OF THE DEFENDANT

The Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference hereto the allegations of the paragraphs above as if more fully set forth herein at length.

The aforesaid incident occurred as a result of and was proximately caused by the careless, negligent, grossly careless, and reckless conduct of the Defendant, DC Water., which consisted inter alia of the following particulars:

Failing to properly supervise the 100 block of Victor Street, NE area in question so as to furnish to the Plaintiff, Solomon Bayu, a safe roadway, free from hazards which were recognized or should have been recognized by Defendant, DC Water, as causing or likely to cause the serious physical harm to the Plaintiff, Solomon Bayu, and others;

Failing to maintain the above street roadway in a safe condition to ensure that the Plaintiff would not be caused to be submerged in sinkhole as a result of the harzard which existed and which were known and should have been known to the Defendant;

Failing to properly inspect the roadway wherein the Plaintiff was caused to be submerged with his vehicle as a result of not protecting the roadway;

Failing to maintain the roadway maintained by the Defendant in good and safe condition for the Plaintiff and others;

Failing otherwise to comply with the applicable laws and regulations of the District of Columbia and the applicable Federal laws and regulations;

Otherwise failing to exercise the degree of care required under the circumstances; and
Otherwise being negligent.

As a result of the aforesaid conduct and breach of care of the Defendant, DC Water, Plaintiff sustained the injuries, losses, and damages which were more fully described above, without any

negligence of the Plaintiff contributing thereto.

WHEREFORE: Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant of an amount greater than \$2,000,000.00 to be determined at trial, plus costs, pre-judgment interest, post-judgment interest, and for any further relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John C. Duru

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Superior Court of the District of Columbia
CIVIL DIVISION
Civil Actions Branch
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Solomon Bayu

Plaintiff

vs.

Case Number **2025-CAB-002040**

District of Columbia Water & Sewer Authority (DC Water)

Defendant

SUMMONS

To the above named Defendant:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve an Answer to the attached Complaint, either personally or through an attorney, within twenty one (21) days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you are being sued as an officer or agency of the United States Government or the District of Columbia Government, you have sixty (60) days after service of this summons to serve your Answer. A copy of the Answer must be mailed to the attorney for the plaintiff who is suing you. The attorney's name and address appear below. If plaintiff has no attorney, a copy of the Answer must be mailed to the plaintiff at the address stated on this Summons.

You are also required to file the original Answer with the Court in Suite 5000 at 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays or between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Saturdays. You may file the original Answer with the Court either before you serve a copy of the Answer on the plaintiff or within seven (7) days after you have served the plaintiff. If you fail to file an Answer, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

John C. Duru

Clerk of the Court

Name of Plaintiff's Attorney

601 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Address

Suite 900, South Building, Washington, DC 20004

202 462 7251

Telephone

By

Deputy Clerk

Date

4/2/2025



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IMPORTANT: IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN ANSWER WITHIN THE TIME STATED ABOVE, OR IF, AFTER YOU ANSWER, YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT ANY TIME THE COURT NOTIFIES YOU TO DO SO, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY DAMAGES OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. IF THIS OCCURS, YOUR WAGES MAY BE ATTACHED OR WITHHELD OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OR REAL ESTATE YOU OWN MAY BE TAKEN AND SOLD TO PAY THE JUDGMENT. IF YOU INTEND TO OPPOSE THIS ACTION, DO NOT FAIL TO ANSWER WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME.

If you wish to talk to a lawyer and feel that you cannot afford to pay a fee to a lawyer, promptly contact one of the offices of the Legal Aid Society (202-628-1161) or the Neighborhood Legal Services (202-279-5100) for help or come to Suite 5000 at 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., for more information concerning places where you may ask for such help.

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Sección de Acciones Civiles

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_____ Demandante
contra

Número de Caso: _____

_____ Demandado

CITATORIO

Al susodicho Demandado:

Por la presente se le cita a comparecer y se le requiere entregar una Contestación a la Demanda adjunta, sea en persona o por medio de un abogado, en el plazo de veintiún (21) días contados después que usted haya recibido este citatorio, excluyendo el día mismo de la entrega del citatorio. Si usted está siendo demandado en calidad de oficial o agente del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica o del Gobierno del Distrito de Columbia, tiene usted sesenta (60) días, contados después que usted haya recibido este citatorio, para entregar su Contestación. Tiene que enviarle por correo una copia de su Contestación al abogado de la parte demandante. El nombre y dirección del abogado aparecen al final de este documento. Si el demandado no tiene abogado, tiene que enviarle al demandante una copia de la Contestación por correo a la dirección que aparece en este Citatorio.

A usted también se le requiere presentar la Contestación original al Tribunal en la Oficina 5000, sito en 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., entre las 8:30 a.m. y 5:00 p.m., de lunes a viernes o entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 12:00 del mediodía los sábados. Usted puede presentar la Contestación original ante el Juez ya sea antes que usted le entregue al demandante una copia de la Contestación o en el plazo de siete (7) días de haberle hecho la entrega al demandante. Si usted incumple con presentar una Contestación, podría dictarse un fallo en rebeldía contra usted para que se haga efectivo el desagravio que se busca en la demanda.

SECRETARIO DEL TRIBUNAL

Nombre del abogado del Demandante _____

Por: _____ Subsecretario

Dirección _____

Fecha _____

Teléfono _____

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IMPORTANTE: SI USTED INCUMPLE CON PRESENTAR UNA CONTESTACIÓN EN EL PLAZO ANTES MENCIONADO O, SI LUEGO DE CONTESTAR, USTED NO COMPARECE CUANDO LE AVISE EL JUZGADO, PODRÍA DICTARSE UN FALLO EN REBELDÍA CONTRA USTED PARA QUE SE LE COBRE LOS DAÑOS Y PERJUICIOS U OTRO DESAGRAVIO QUE SE BUSQUE EN LA DEMANDA. SI ESTO OCURRE, PODRÍA RETENERSELE SUS INGRESOS, O PODRÍA TOMARSELE SUS BIENES PERSONALES O BIENES RAÍCES Y SER VENDIDOS PARA PAGAR EL FALLO. SI USTED PRETENDE Oponerse a esta acción, NO DEJE DE CONTESTAR LA DEMANDA DENTRO DEL PLAZO EXIGIDO.

Si desea conversar con un abogado y le parece que no puede pagarle a uno, llame pronto a una de nuestras oficinas del Legal Aid Society (202-628-1161) o el Neighborhood Legal Services (202-279-5100) para pedir ayuda o venga a la Oficina 5000 del 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., para informarse sobre otros lugares donde puede pedirayuda al respecto.

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Superior Court of the District of Columbia

CIVIL DIVISION- CIVIL ACTIONS BRANCH

INFORMATION SHEET

Solomon Bayu

Case Number: 2025-CAB-002040

vs

Date: _____

District of Columbia Water & Sewer Authority

☐ One of the defendants is being sued in their official capacity.

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| Name: (Please Print) <u>JOHN C. DURU</u> | Relationship to Lawsuit <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney for Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Self (Pro Se) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| Firm Name: <u>DURU LAW OFFICE</u> | |
| Telephone No.: <u>202 462 7251</u> Six digit Unified Bar No.: <u>438371</u> | |

TYPE OF CASE: ☐ Non-Jury ☐ 6 Person Jury ☐ 12 Person Jury
Demand: \$ 2,100,000.00 Other: _____

PENDING CASE(S) RELATED TO THE ACTION BEING FILED

Case No.: _____ Judge: _____ Calendar #: _____

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| A. CONTRACTS | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 02 Breach of Warranty | <input type="checkbox"/> 09 Real Property-Real Estate | <input type="checkbox"/> 16 Under \$25,000 Consent Denied |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 06 Negotiable Instrument | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Specific Performance | <input type="checkbox"/> 17 OVER \$25,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15 Special Education Fees | <input type="checkbox"/> 13 Employment Discrimination | |
| B. PROPERTY TORTS | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 01 Automobile | <input type="checkbox"/> 03 Destruction of Private Property | <input type="checkbox"/> 05 Trespass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 02 Conversion | <input type="checkbox"/> 04 Property Damage | <input type="checkbox"/> 06 Traffic Adjudication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 07 Shoplifting, D.C. Code § 27-102 (a) | | |
| C. PERSONAL TORTS | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 01 Abuse of Process | <input type="checkbox"/> 09 Harassment | <input type="checkbox"/> 17 Personal Injury- (Not Automobile, Not Malpractice) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 02 Alienation of Affection | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Invasion of Privacy | <input type="checkbox"/> 18 Wrongful Death (Not Malpractice) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 03 Assault and Battery | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 Libel and Slander | <input type="checkbox"/> 19 Wrongful Eviction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 04 Automobile- Personal Injury | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Malicious Interference | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Friendly Suit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 05 Death (Misrepresentation) | <input type="checkbox"/> 13 Malicious Prosecution | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 Asbestos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 06 False Accusation | <input type="checkbox"/> 14 Malpractice Legal | <input type="checkbox"/> 22 Toxic/Mass Torts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 07 False Arrest | <input type="checkbox"/> 15 Malpractice Medical (excluding Wrongful Death) | <input type="checkbox"/> 23 Tobacco |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 04 Condemnation (Eas. Domain) | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Enforce Mechanics Lien | Under \$25,000 Consent Denied |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 07 Insurance/Subrogation | <input type="checkbox"/> 17 Mech Personnel Act (OEA) | Over \$25,000 |
| Under \$25,000 Plt. Grants Consent | (D.C. Code Title 1, Chapter 6) | <input type="checkbox"/> 28 Motion to Confirm Arbitration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 08 Quiet Title | <input type="checkbox"/> 18 Product Liability | Award (Collection Cases Only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 09 Special Writ/Warrants | <input type="checkbox"/> 24 Application to Confirm, Modify, Vacate Arbitration Award | <input type="checkbox"/> 26 Mech Personnel Act (Other) |
| (DC Code § 11-941) | (DC Code § 16-4315) | <input type="checkbox"/> 30 Lien: Tax/ Water Consent Denied |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 03 Change of Name | <input type="checkbox"/> 15 Libel of Information | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 Petition for Subpoena |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 05 Foreign Judgment | <input type="checkbox"/> 19 Enter Administrative Order as Judgment (D.C. Code § | (Rule 26-1 (a)) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13 Correction of Birth Certificate | 2-1802.03 (a) or 32-1519 (a)) | <input type="checkbox"/> 22 Release Mechanics Lien |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14 Correction of Marriage Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Master Meter (D.C. Code § | <input type="checkbox"/> 23 Rule 27(a) (1) |
| | 42-3301, et seq.) | (Perpetuate Testimony) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 24 Petition for Structured Settlement |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Petition for Liquidation |

Attorney's Signature

Date