

EXPERT WITNESS SERVICE





FLOOR COATINGS

MORE THAN PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

It is well known in the floor maintenance industry that the use of a floor finish does not result in a slippery floor. It's the accumulation of water, oils and other lubricants that may cause floor surfaces to become slippery. Finished floors are an essential component of reasonable and proper floor maintenance. The use of a floor finish provides consistent, predictable and non-hazardous walkway surfaces for pedestrians.

Coating floors with a finish suitable for the type of flooring in your building offers many advantages besides slip resistance. A quality finish makes it easier to clean and protect a floor's surface from abrasions and damage it might otherwise sustain without the coating. Some types of flooring, like VCT, will deteriorate and wear out quickly, especially in high-traffic areas, without the benefit of a quality finish.

Proper application of a quality floor coating provides a repairable finish that makes it easier to maintain the floor's desired appearance and extends the time between having to completely strip the old finish and recoat the floor.

Apart from the maintenance benefits, a quality floor finish also provides many aesthetic benefits that enhance a building's overall appearance. However, visual benefits whether or not a shiny appearance do not necessarily contribute to floor safety.

THE ROLE OF SC JOHNSON IN FLOOR CARE

SC Johnson Professional, a part of SC Johnson, has over 100 years experience of producing quality products for the floor care industry. Providing education for our customers to help prevent slip and fall accidents is of paramount importance to us. Nevertheless, slip and fall accidents will occur and often lead to liability and litigation issues.

As a service to our customers, we can provide an Expert Witness to dispel common myths about floor finishes, standards of building care and the causes of slip and fall accidents to help prepare an effective defense in the event of litigation. This assistance is offered free of charge (apart from travel expenses).

Our expert witness has the education, training, floor care industry and courtroom experience to make a difference and is supported by a corporate staff of technical professionals.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE PROGRAM:

1. Consultations with customer's attorneys and insurers, including initial case assessment.
2. Provision of background materials and information on SCJP products and floor care maintenance in general.
3. Help customer's attorneys with preparing affidavits in support of motions for the case.
4. Deposition testimony.
5. Trial testimony.

AVAILABLE DOCUMENTATION:

1. Slip Resistance of Floor Care Products Designed and Manufactured in Accordance with ASTM D2047.
2. SC Johnson Professional® Floor Coatings Coefficient of Friction Testing and Third-Party Testing Services.
3. Floor Care Recommendations for Commercial Property Owners and Business Operators.

TO GET STARTED:

Link to form from Distributor Resources page:

<https://www.scjp.com/en-us/distributor-resources>

Link direct to form:

<https://www.scjp.com/en-us/slip-fall-form>

Or email us at

ExpertWitness@scj.com



