

FLORIDA SIXTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

**Corina Dawson Parker v. Hotel Lake Placid, LLC d/b/a Holiday Inn
Express**

Parker v. Hotel Lake Placid · No. 6D2024-2007 · Decided June 12, 2026

OPINION

CORINA DAWSON PARKER v. HOTEL LAKE PLACID, LLC D/B/A HOLIDAY INN
EXPRESS

PER CURIAM.

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STATE OF FLORIDA

_____ Case No. 6D2024-2007 Lower Tribunal No. 2022-CA-
000124 _____

CORINA DAWSON PARKER,

Appellant, v.

HOTEL LAKE PLACID, LLC d/b/a/ HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS,

Appellee. _____ Appeal from the Circuit Court for Highlands
County. Peter F. Estrada, Judge. June 12, 2026 PER CURIAM. AFFIRMED. See Earley v.
Morrison Cafeteria Co. of Orlando, 61 So. 2d 477, 478 (Fla. 1952) (“[I]t is . . . well settled that the
proprietor has a right to assume that the invitee will perceive that which would be obvious to him
upon the ordinary use of his own senses. ‘The law does not require a proprietor of a public place
to maintain his premises in such condition that an accident could not possibly happen to a
customer. Plaintiff was in turn obligated to exercise a reasonable degree of care for her own
safety.’” (first citing Miller v. Shull, 48 So. 2d 521, 522 (Fla. 1950); and then quoting Matson v.
Tip Top Grocery Co., 9 So. 2d 366, 368 (Fla. 1942))); Bensen v. Privilege Underwriters
Reciprocal Exch., 401 So. 3d 390, 394 (Fla. 6th DCA 2023) (explaining that after the moving
party meets its initial burden on summary judgment, the burden shifts to the non-moving party,
which “must do more than simply show that there is some metaphysical doubt as to the material
facts” and “must go beyond the pleadings and ‘identify affirmative evidence’ that creates a
genuine dispute of material fact” (quoting Brevard Cnty. v. Waters Mark Dev. Enters., LC, 350 So.
3d 395, 398 (Fla. 5th DCA 2022))). STARGEL, MIZE and KAMOUTSAS, JJ., concur. Morgan
Weinstein, of Twig, Trade, & Tribunal, PLLC, Fort Lauderdale, for Appellant. Mihaela Cabulea
and Emily C. Smith, of Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP, and Robert P. Kelly, of Law Office of
Robert P. Kelly, Tampa, for Appellee.

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