

Supplementary Table 1.

Summary of Chemical Peel–Related Legal Cases (n = 37)

Case	Name & Year	Jurisdiction	Defendant Type *	Peel	Provider	Site	Allegation / Core Issue	Ruling & Award
1	<i>Body & Soul Retreat, LLC v. Cinque</i> , 2018, Fla. 4th DCA	Florida (U.S)	Aesthetician & spa	Unspecified	Aesthetician	Face	Peel on rosacea patient; no supervision causing Pigmentary damage, scarring	Plaintiff verdict — \$814,694
2	<i>Lake Jackson Med. Spa, Ltd. v. Gaytan</i> , 2022	Texas (U.S)	Aesthetician employee and physician owner (plastic surgery)	Mix of TCA; Phenol; Salicylic Acid	Aesthetician	Face Back	Negligence: failing to instruct the plaintiff to suspend use of tretinoin prior to an abrasive VI peel causing scarring and hyperpigmentation	Dismissed (Pretrial)
3	<i>Abbasov v. Dahiya</i> , 2016	Maryland (U.S)	Physician (Otolaryngology)	TCA	Physician	Face	Use of an expired/compromised TCA solution; Failure to obtain informed consent; Improper application of the peel; Leading to second and third degree burns and scarring.	Dismissed (Pretrial)
4	<i>Ashcraft-Evans v. Lied, M.D.</i> , 2024	Kentucky (U.S)	Physician (Plastic Surgery)	TCA	Physician	Face	Negligence: acid entered the plaintiff's eye.	Defense Verdict (Trial)
5	<i>Zwaschka v. Carney, M.D., and Skin Speaks M.D.</i> , 2011	Minnesota (U.S)	Physician (Dermatology)	TCA	Physician	Face	Negligence (failure to evaluate patient prior to procedure, proceeding against patient's wishes, not stopping for extreme pain); Civil Battery (performing a more aggressive procedure than consented to); Failure to obtain informed consent.	Plaintiff Verdict - \$1,000,000

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6	<i>Hartung v. Agarwal-Antal, 2020</i>	Ohio (U.S)	Physician (Dermatology)	TCA	Physician	Face	Performing TCA peel without proper informed consent, applying leftover solution despite pain, failure to warn of risks, failure to obtain renewed consent before extending the peel to the face, altering medical records post-procedure to imply consent	Dismissed (Pretrial)
7	<i>Krug v. Fox, 2020</i>	New York (U.S)	Physician (Dermatology)	TCA Glycolic Acid	Physician	Face	Negligence (performing peel without observing required waiting period after stopping Accutane prior to peel, negligent administration); Lack of informed consent; causing burning, scarring and disfigurement	Case ongoing
8	<i>Savage v. Burgess, 2013</i>	Columbia (U.S)	Physician (Dermatology) and non-physician staff member (not specified)	Glycolic Acid	Physician	Face	Negligent performance of the peel, breach of the standard of care for chemical peel safety, lack of appropriate precautions or supervision during the procedure. Leading to chemical burns and scarring.	Case ongoing
9	<i>Rowe v. Kim, 2003</i>	Delaware (U.S)	Physician (Plastic Surgery)	TCA	Physician	Face	Lack of informed consent for laser procedure forehead; Defendant went beyond the scope of written consent; Violation of Delaware law requiring written consent for non-emergency cosmetic procedures.	Defense Verdict (Trial)
10	<i>Sodimu v. Omp, Inc., 2007</i>	Maryland (U.S)	Sales representative and company, physician (Dermatology)	TCA	Physician	Face	Failure to prepare correct peel concentration for plaintiff's skin tone; Emotional and psychological harm secondary to the cosmetic injury.	Dismissed (Pretrial)

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11	<i>Busfield v. United States, 2007</i>	Louisiana (U.S)	United States of America - VAMC	Phenol	VAMC medical personnel	Face and neck	Negligent performance of chemical peel at VAMC; resulted in scarring, contracture, and disfigurement	Plaintiff Verdict - amount not specified
12	<i>uuerz v. Huffaker, 2001</i>	Missouri (U.S)	Physician (Plastic Surgery) and consultants	TCA	Physician	Face	Negligent performance of chemical peel and lack of informed consent; leading to physical injury and emotional distress	Dismissed (Pretrial)
13	<i>McMichael v. Howell, 2005</i>	Mississippi (U.S)	Physician (Plastic Surgery)	TCA	Physician	Neck	Negligent performance of chemical peel leading to discoloration and scarring	Dismissed (Pretrial)
14	<i>Clarke v. Cosmetics, 2022</i>	Georgia (U.S)	Aestheticians, Physician (Family Medicine) and Physician (Dermatologist)	Unspecified	Aesthetician	Face	Improper performance chemical peel and lack of supervision leading to injuries.	Case ongoing
15	<i>Seung Ja Cho v. In-Chul Song, 2001</i>	New York (U.S)	Physician (Dermatology)	TCA	Physician	Face	Negligent performance of a 30% TCA chemical peel leading to facial burns and scarring	Defense Verdict (Trial)
16	<i>Rosenblum v. Bloom, 1973</i>	Texas (U.S)	Physician (Dermatology)	TCA	Nurse and physician	Face	Negligent preparation and use of chemical agent resulting in chemical burn on right cheek	Plaintiff Verdict - \$5,000
17	<i>Robertson v. Department of Professional Regulation, Bd. of Medicine, 1990</i>	Florida (U.S)	Physician (Plastic Surgery)	Phenol	Physician	Face	Negligent performance of phenol peel within 2 days of face-lift surgery leading to facial scarring, disfigurement and hyperpigmentation	Plaintiff Verdict

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18	<i>Barrett v. Newman, 1995</i>	Pennsylvania (U.S)	Physician (Plastic Surgery)	Phenol	Physician	Lip & chin	Improper and incomplete performance of chemical peel causing scarring and distress	Dismissed (Pretrial)
19	<i>Wise v. Watson, 2000</i>	Texas (U.S)	Dentist (Oral and maxillofacial surgeon)	Unspecified	Physician	Lip	Improper use of chemical peel leading to scarring and deformity.	Dismissed (Pretrial)
20	<i>Cullinan v. Pignataro, 1999</i>	New York (U.S)	Physician (Plastic Surgery) and medical assistant	Unspecified	Medical assistant	Face and neck	Negligent preparation and application of chemical peel, lack of supervision leading to chemical burns and scarring	Dismissed (Pretrial)
21	<i>DeFranco v. Hamra, 2000</i>	Texas (U.S)	Physician (Plastic Surgery)	Unspecified	Physician	Face	Improper use of chemical peel in conjunction with cosmetic surgeries leading to irritation and discomfort	Plaintiff Verdict
22	<i>Dunn v. Schultz, 2008</i>	New York (U.S)	Physician (Dermatology)	Glycolic acid	Physician	Face	Used glycolic acid peels instead of biopsy for concerning lesion, masking malignancy	Dismissed
23	<i>Miriam Mascheck, Inc. v. Mausner, 1972</i>	Florida (U.S)	Aesthetician	Phenol	Aesthetician	Face and upper chest	Negligent administration of phenol peel causing burns and scarring	Plaintiff Verdict - \$35,000
24	<i>People v. Wyn Rummler, 1975</i>	California (U.S)	Cosmetologist	Phenol	Cosmetologist	Face, arm and hand	Administering potent chemical peel without license leading to burns, scarring and pigmentation	Plaintiff Verdict
25	<i>Seeman v. Kawamoto, 2019</i>	California (U.S)	Physician (Plastic Surgery)	Unspecified	Physician	Unknown	Improper use of chemical peel causing irritation and disfigurement	Dismissed (Pretrial)

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26	<i>West v. Epiphany Salon & Day Spa, LLC, 2017</i>	Tennessee (U.S)	Spa	Salicylic Acid	Non-physician personnel	Face	Negligence in performing chemical facial causing burns.	Plaintiff Verdict- \$47,800
27	<i>Walthour v. Advanced Dermatology, 2018</i>	Texas (U.S)	Physician (Dermatology) and spa	Unspecified	Physician	Back and shoulder	Negligent administration of chemical peel causing second-degree burns	Dismissed (Pretrial)
28	<i>Adams v. Anderson's Pharmacy, 1971</i>	Louisiana (U.S)	Pharmacist and pharmacy, and prescribing physician	salicylic acid	Self-applied	Face	Improperly compounded prescription causing chemical burns.	Plaintiff Verdict- \$5,150
29	<i>Madden v. Yu, 2019</i>	California (U.S)	Manufacturer	TCA	Self-applied	Face	Defective product leading to third degree burns and pain	Case ongoing
30	<i>Pawlows v. Task Servs., LLC, 2011</i>	Arizona (U.S)	Spa	Unspecified	Aesthetician	Face	Negligent application of chemical peel and lack of supervision leading to burns, scarring and blistering	Dismissed (Pretrial)
31	<i>Baldon v. You Aesthetics Corp., 2023</i>	California (U.S)	Spa	TCA	Aesthetician	Face	Negligent performance of a chemical peel resulting in injury	Case settled before trial
32	<i>White v. Cherry, 2023</i>	Georgia (U.S)	Aesthetician and spa	TCA	Aesthetician	Face	Negligent performance of peel leading to chemical burns, pain and disfigurement	Plaintiff verdict - \$1 million awarded

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33*	<i>Shuayto v. Skin Obsession, 2016</i>	Michigan (U.S)	Manufacturer	TCA	Self-administered	Face	The product was unreasonably dangerous and defective due to improper manufacturing, formulation, and a failure to adequately test it; leading to second degree chemical burns.	Dismissed (Pretrial)
34	<i>Asgari v. Jain, 2006</i>	Ontario (CAN)	Physician (Family Medicine)	TCA	Physician	Neck	Negligence in performing chemical peel leading to pain and scarring.	Dismissed (Pretrial)
35	<i>R. v. Ashkani, 2019</i>	Ontario (CAN)	Fraudulently claimed to be an RN	Unspecified	Alleged nurse	Face	Falsely represented herself as a registered nurse- Performed controlled acts (injections below the dermis) without authority or supervision leading to disfigurement	Plaintiff Verdict
36	<i>Erbatur v. Carruthers, 1990</i>	British Columbia (CAN)	Physician (Dermatology)	TCA	Physician	Face	Failure to obtain informed consent for procedure and misrepresentation of improvement after treatment	Dismissed (Pretrial)
37	<i>Erdelyi v. Lafontaine Rish Medical Group Ltd., 2001</i>	Ontario (CAN)	Aesthetician	TCA	Aesthetician	Chest Arms	Negligent preparation and application of chemical peel leading to scarring, loss of pigmentation, and distress	Plaintiff Verdict- \$25,095.33

* Defendant type is not equivalent to number of defendants as some cases included >1 defendant under the same type