

The Miller Law Firm Recovers \$2.85 Million for Los Angeles Loft Building in Under 2 Years

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The Miller Law Firm has recovered \$2,850,000, or nearly \$34,000 per unit, for a Los Angeles Homeowners Association. The confidential settlement was reached in mediation, facilitated by Ross Hart, Esq. of AMCC (Arbitration Mediation Conciliation Center), in under 2 years from filing the complaint in Los Angeles Superior Court.



The 84-unit residential mid-rise condominium project is located on the West Side of Los Angeles. The Board of Directors retained The Miller Law Firm for a construction defect claim against the developer, architect and their insurance companies due damage from numerous construction defects.

The SB 800 claim and subsequent litigation concerned deficiencies in building construction and materials, including the absence of appropriate waterproofing, which led to water entering unit interiors. Other building deficiencies and violations of construction standards include missing or improperly placed area drains resulting in ponding and water intrusion at the walkways, garage, and podium deck, improper configuration of elevation levels and sloping resulting in standing water, and concentrated and excessive cracks on exterior stucco finish of the building at various locations.

According to Thomas E. Miller, CEO of The Miller Law Firm, “Mid-rise, loft style buildings in Los Angeles went up very quickly in 2009 to meet consumer demand for residential units. Rapid construction to meet market demands can result in building deficiencies, including water intrusion and other serious damage, even very early on in the age of the building.”

According to Rachel Miller, Senior Partner of The Miller Law Firm, “It takes a strong, independent expert team to guide our clients into a recovery that will repair their defects and restore their community. The burden is removed from the owners to pay for these repairs, rightfully placing it on the developer, architect and their insurance.”

Thomas E. Miller and Rachel M. Miller of The Miller Law Firm (www.ConstructionDefects.com) are the co-authors of, “Home and Condo Defects: A Consumer Guide to Faulty Construction,” (Seven Locks Press, 2012), available online at www.amazon.com. In 2014 The Miller Law Firm was awarded the National Litigator Award by the Trial Lawyers Board of Regents. This award is the most well respected performance measuring symbol of litigation achievement in the nation, honoring only the top 1% of attorneys, and based strictly on tangible verdict & settlement dollar achievement.

