

**The Miller Law Firm Recovers Eight Figures for an  
Orange County Community Association with Construction Defects  
in a Confidential Settlement**

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The Miller Law Firm has recovered well into the eight figures for a 300-plus unit, mixed use Orange County Community Association with numerous and serious construction defect claims. This is one of the largest construction defect recoveries in Orange County in recent years.

The settlement was reached in mediation, facilitated by Ross Hart, Esq. of AMCC (Arbitration Mediation Conciliation Center), in just 14 months from filing the complaint in Orange County Superior Court. The identity of the property, the defendants and the insurers are strictly confidential under the terms of the final settlement agreement.

According to Thomas E. Miller, CEO of The Miller Law Firm, “When insurance companies pay out tens of millions of dollars for construction defect claims, they require a full and complete release for all current and future claims as well as strict confidentiality. Secrecy becomes the norm and it prevents consumers from knowing which Builders have a pattern of shoddy workmanship, which results in unsuspecting and often disappointed buyers. But, in the end, Homeowners Associations are willing to accept these terms in order to provide such large recoveries to rebuild their communities.”

This large scale Residential & Commercial mid-rise condominium project was completed in 2006. The building was only 9 years old when the Board of Directors retained The Miller Law Firm to identify and present claims for severe building performance deficiencies to the Builder. Construction defects appeared project wide, including a lack of adequate drainage and waterproofing membranes affecting private balconies and elevated walkways, improper integration of door and window flashing causing water intrusion and corrosion, extensive stucco cracking, plumbing and mechanical concerns, roof leaks caused by improper sloping, and installation of the original roof system and ventilation.

According to Rachel M. Miller, Senior Partner of The Miller Law Firm, “By keeping the claim on a meticulous timeline, we were able to secure a trial date and early mediation efforts with one of the nation’s leading construction defect mediators, holding the insurance carriers to the fire to get the Association and the homeowners the funds they need to rebuild their community and their lives.”

*Thomas E. Miller, Rachel M. Miller & Matthew T. Miller of The Miller Law Firm ([www.ConstructionDefects.com](http://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](http://www.amazon.com). Celebrating 40 years, The Miller Law Firm was awarded the National Litigator Award by the Trial Lawyers Board of Regents for the second consecutive year. This award honors only the top 1% of attorneys in the nation and based strictly on tangible verdict & settlement dollar achievement.*