

Construction Defect Litigation from the Plaintiff Perspective



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INTRODUCTION

Construction Defect Litigation from the Plaintiff Perspective is a series of case studies in successful planning, analysis and execution of expert work on behalf of plaintiff real property owners. This program will walk you through the process, standards and reasoning for inspection, analysis, testing, reporting, specifying repairs, and estimating costs of the repair work.

Construction defect litigation can be expensive, confusing and long lasting, but it doesn't have to be. Through this presentation, PFCS will break down the process, and provide approaches and alternatives that add value to property owners involved in Construction defect litigation.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

1. Introduction
2. In the Beginning
3. Inspection & Evaluation
4. Analysis & Estimate
5. Testing
6. Reports and Possible Further Work
7. Conclusion

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Discuss building performance analysis standards
- Discuss various strategies for approaching construction defect cases from the plaintiff's perspective
- Outline a beginning-to-end process for handling construction defect litigation
- Show real-life case studies applying various approaches to construction defect litigation matters
- Show examples of good work

BACK-UP MATERIALS (CASE STUDIES)

1. Small Multi-family Project (PFCS 06-295)
2. Small Single Family Project (PFCS 15-165)
3. Small Commercial Project (PFCS 15-121)
4. Medium Multi-family Project (PFCS 14-320)
5. Medium Commercial Project (PFCS 15-161)
6. Medium Residential Project (PFCS A2-124)
7. Medium Multi-family Project (PFCS 12-281)
8. Large Residential Project (PFCS 14-301)

PROGRAM CONTENTS

1. Introduction
 - A. Presenter Information
 - B. Webinar Materials
 - C. CE Certificates
 - D. Feedback
 - E. Learning Objectives
 - F. Property Condition Assessment (ASTM E2018)
 - G. Building Leak Evaluation (ASTM E2128)
 - H. PFCS Building Performance Analysis Method
 - I. Plaintiff Project Process Flowchart
 - J. Case Study
2. In the Beginning
 - A. Project Intake
 - B. Strategy
 - C. Plan & Proposal
 - D. First 10 Things
 - E. Issues List
 - F. Case Studies
3. Inspection & Evaluation
 - A. PFCS Building Performance Methodology
 - B. Standards for Inspection and Evaluation
 - C. Distillation and Utilization of gathered data
4. Analysis & Estimate
 - A. What is a Construction Defect?
 - B. What Should Be Fixed!?
 - C. Logic & Critical Thinking
 - D. IIACC Method and Issue by Issue Analysis
 - E. Plans, Specifications, Codes, Standards
 - F. Repair Estimating
 - G. Case Studies
5. Analysis & Estimate
 - A. PFCS Building Leakage Evaluation Seminar
 - B. ASTM E2128 Standard Guide for Evaluating Water Leakage of Building Walls
 - C. ROI
 - D. Investigation Documentation
 - E. Case Studies
6. Testing
 - A. PFCS Building Leakage Evaluation
 - B. ASTM E2128 Standard Guide for Evaluating Water Leakage of Building Walls
 - C. ROI
 - D. Investigation Documentation
 - E. Case Studies
7. Reports and Possible Further Work
 - A. Strategy
 - B. PFCS Communicating in Writing
 - C. Inspection Summary
 - D. Issues List
 - E. Testing Summary & Maps
 - F. Opinion Letter
 - G. Report
 - H. Specifications and RFPs to Contractors
 - I. Others Possible Work
 - J. Case Studies
8. Conclusion
 - A. Learning Objectives
 - B. Program Outline
 - C. Back-Up Materials
 - D. Recommendations
 - E. Webinar Materials
 - F. CE Certificates
 - G. Feedback
 - H. Program Outline



BACK-UP MATERIALS (CASE STUDIES)

1. Small Multi-family Project (PFCS 06-295)
 - A. Inspection Notes and Photos
 - B. Issues-Discussion Matrix
 - C. Scope and Estimate
 - D. Opinion Letter with Recommendations
2. Small Single Family Project (PFCS 15-165)
 - A. Plan and Proposal
 - B. Document Summary
 - C. Property Condition Assessment (Report)
3. Small Commercial Project (PFCS 15-121)
 - A. Proposal
 - B. Document Summary
 - C. Property Condition Assessment (Report)
4. Medium Multi-family Project (PFCS 14-320)
 - A. Inspection Summary ready for litigation
 - B. Issues List
 - C. Testing Plan
5. Medium Commercial Project (PFCS 15-161)
 - A. Investigation Report and Map
 - B. Report with Maps
 - C. Specifications
6. Medium Residential Project (PFCS A2-124)
 - A. Defect List
 - B. Estimate
 - C. Report
7. Medium Multi-family Project (PFCS 12-281)
 - A. Report
 - B. RFP to Contractors
8. Large Residential Project (PFCS 14-301)
 - A. Contracting Recommendations
 - B. Architectural Expert Memo in response to RFP
 - C. Owners, Attorney, and Expert Meeting Agenda

