

## **Class Action Lawsuit Filed Against Builder**

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**November 7, 2001** - Las Vegas, Nevada - Our valley's building boom has fingers pointing at builders as new homeowners look for help while their homes fall apart at the seams. Local courtrooms are overloaded with construction defect lawsuits, including a class action suit against the builder of that development.

"I've got structural problems. The building inspector says I can't possibly get to all of your defects," Attorney Thomas Miller said.

Home Defects 101 is a crash course teaching homeowners just how to deal with faulty construction. One resident, Marcia Boice, listens carefully.

"Whenever there is a building boom, builders in that haste are going to make mistakes," Miller said.

Case in point these homes according to their owners anyway, Boice is leading the charge in a class action lawsuit claiming that roof leaks and leaky windows are just the tip of the iceberg. She says nearly half the homes have electrical problems as well.

Just what does the developer have to say about this?

"As far as the concerns we have with the suit they have not responded," Boice said.

She says if she could do it all over again she'd call another house home. "To be quite honest I would have bought a house that was older," Boice said.

The reason for the large number of construction defect lawsuits has been blamed on contractors unfamiliar with the weather, soil and other problems here as well as an unskilled workforce.