

<u>The Miller Law Firm Helps</u> <u>Peninsula Real Los Altos Homeowners Association</u> <u>Recover \$1.2 Million for Construction Defects in only 13 Months</u> August 13, 2013

August 13, 2013 – Santa Clara County, Calif. – The Miller Law Firm has recovered \$1.2 Million for the Peninsula Real Los Altos Homeowners Association in just 13 months from the date of filing a complaint for construction defects in Santa Clara Superior Court.

The upscale, 78 unit residential building is located on the border of Los Altos, Mountain View, and Palo Alto, with close proximity to Stanford. It was completed in 2008 by Silverstone Communities with J.R. Roberts/Deacon, Inc., the general contractor.

This is the second recovery The Miller Law Firm has had against Silverstone Communities this year. The Park Broadway at Millbrae Homeowners Association,



considered to be the sister community to Peninsula Real, recovered \$3.5 million in February of 2013 against Silverstone Communities, through The Miller Law Firm.

The Peninsula Real Association had previously entered into an SB800 process with different counsel, but the developer made no real offers to repair or provide funding for the problems brought to their attention by the Association. By switching counsel to a firm with prior experience with this developer, the Association was able to go from a stalemate, to a successful recovery in just 13 months.

According to Thomas E. Miller, CEO of The Miller Law Firm, "Two things immediately came to our attention when we were asked to help this Association. First, our experience with the builder gave us insight into their construction practices, helping efficiently evaluate the building's conditions. Second, the Peninsula Real's building's age, at only 3 years old, would normally surprise us as having issues already but, again, Park Broadway was also only 3 years old. Having that connection helped resolve these claims efficiently and economically."

Martha Donohoe, board of director of the Peninsula Real Association, states, "Having a firm that literally wrote the book on construction defect claims, with current experience against the very same builder, was extremely beneficial to our community. The Miller Law Firm kept the board and our owners informed while the claim was pending. That was important to us as a community and eased the burden on the board. Recovering this amount in only 13 months is a testament to finding the right legal team to take us through the process."

According to Rachel Miller, Senior Partner of The Miller Law Firm, "When Associations look to our firm as a resource, we can typically cut through a lot of red tape to help evaluate claims efficiently, particularly when we have experience with the same developer."

Thomas E. Miller and Rachel M. Miller of The Miller Law Firm (<u>www.ConstructionDefects.com</u>) are the co-authors of, "Home and Condo Defects: A Consumer Guide to Faulty Construction," (Seven Locks Press, 2012), available online at <u>www.amazon.com</u>.

Detailed information regarding this case can be accessed via the Santa Clara Superior Court website at <u>www.scscourt.org/</u>, case number 112CV225919.