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Ackerman Collects 1.19 Million in Construction Defect Case

The firm is pleased to announce that Douglas Ackerman recently collected \$1.19 million dollars in a construction defect case. Mr. Ackerman represented the condominium association in a large, upscale project on the Atlantic Coast of Florida. In an all-too-familiar situation, the condominium association inherited from the developer a Project with significant construction defects to the common elements.



Although Mr. Ackerman was not retained until just before the statute of limitations was threatening to expire, he promptly investigated the situation and filed suit against ten potentially involved persons or entities to retain the client's legal rights while further investigation could be done.

Guiding and focusing different experts retained by the client, Mr. Ackerman settled early with one defendant and dismissed out of the case multiple others upon the client being reassured that the scopes of work in question were in fact acceptable.

The real battle with the remaining defendants then began. Over the course of several years; three different judges; multiple, substituting defense counsel; a half-dozen expert witnesses; numerous fact witnesses; many thousands of pages of documents; more than a dozen depositions; and multiple proceedings in open court, Mr. Ackerman applied steady pressure in sedulously prosecuting the case to resolution.

Ultimately, all remaining defendants settled and a total of \$1.19 million dollars was collected for the benefit of the client. Additionally, in one of Mr. Ackerman's signature moves, the client's experts simultaneously provided both litigation support and a remedial plan for the long-term maintenance of the property. Mr. Ackerman believes that there is value not only in collecting actual money in litigation, but also in giving the client peace of mind that either the problems are finally over or there is a long-term plan to fix them in an efficient manner.

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