

Experience Matters from Start to Finish: Your Epsten Grinnell & Howell Construction Defect Team

The attorneys and paralegals at Epsten Grinnell & Howell's construction defect department have seen it all: water intrusion through roofs, walls, windows and decks, plumbing leaks, sewer backups, cracking foundations, degrading asphalt, slope failures and many other deficiencies which can wreak havoc in community associations. Skilled in prosecuting such claims to trial, arbitration, or resolving them through mediation, the construction defect team of attorneys at Epsten, Grinnell & Howell have recovered millions of dollars for hundreds of community associations plagued by improper construction. In fact, Epsten Grinnell & Howell has recovered on behalf of community associations some of the largest settlements and verdicts in construction defect cases in all of Southern California.

Led by veteran trial attorney Doug Grinnell, and partners Anne Rauch and Jon Epsten, the firm's construction defect department is staffed by five attorneys and many experienced paralegals whose experiences in construction defect litigation range from 15 to 30 years. For over 25 years, the attorneys at Epsten Grinnell & Howell have been at the cutting edge of construction defect law, construction insurance and building technology, employing the finest experts in forensic investigations and state of the art computer software for complex case development and jury trial presentations. We take a team approach to every case, and meet regularly to review, strategize and staff every case.

At Epsten Grinnell & Howell, we know how important it is to try to avoid assessing your membership to pursue and recover construction defect claims against builders and developers. Therefore, we offer fee agreements that will suit each particular circumstance including hourly fee agreements or contingency fee agreements. We will work with the association to tailor a fee arrangement that meets the client's needs. And, at the outset of an engagement, we have forensic architects and engineers perform initial inspections and investigations at **no** cost to the client.

Construction defect claims are pursued only after the experts have confirmed the claims have merit, and Epsten Grinnell & Howell will work with your association at no

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cost to provide that initial evaluation. Following our initial, no-cost analysis, we then meet with our clients to work out fee agreements best suited for their needs. Throughout the case, we meet regularly with our clients to keep them up to date. And unlike most other construction defect law firms in California, our services extend beyond the litigation. We assist the association through the repair and reconstruction process once the repair funds are recovered from the builders. We realize that associations need help after the lawsuit too and have remained involved in post-lawsuit reconstruction projects ranging from a few hundred thousand dollars to millions of dollars.