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Case Study 1: Building Envelope Issues

- Owner Association complaint of premature finish and component failures, and water infiltration problems to the unit interiors.
- Investigation to identify water intrusion sources and insufficient construction practices relative to building components installed.
- Destructive testing to determine code violations and damages as a result of installation deficiencies.
- Testing for mold, emissions and air quality, OSHA compliance.
- Scope of repairs, including cost estimates.
- Preparation for mediation with the parties involved, settlement proposal and phased remediation program recommendations.









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Case Study 2: Structural Deficiencies

- Dispute related to elementary school gymnasium roof collapse.
- Structural failure analysis revealed collapse due to snow.
- Evaluate new roof design and framing to meet code provisions.
- Settled prior to litigation.



Case Study 3: Acoustical Transmissions

- Complaint of excessive sound transmission between units.
- Field investigations uncovered incomplete insulation, unsealed penetrations, and voids at wall to floor junctions.
- Report included code review of construction documents and installation practices.



Case Study 4: Equipment Locations

- CCA investigated concerns regarding cell tower placement and homeowner health risks.
- CCA reviewed radiation exposure monitoring results, determined optimal relocation of cellular equipment, and educated the Association regarding the risks involving non-ionized radiation.
- Issue was settled prior to litigation.



Case Study 5: HVAC Issues

- Expert report and litigation support related to humidity problems with second hand smoke migration between residences in a high rise condo building.
- Field evaluations included environmental monitoring, and inspections of mechanical systems. Investigation included design review, contract analysis, calculations, and expert reports.
- Settled after mediation and expert meeting.





Typical Areas of Investigation Architectural, Structural, Construction

Our Typical Assessment Process:

- Triage: analysis of available background information
- Site investigation and evaluation: field inspections, testing, and documentation
- Report of findings with quantitative and qualitative analyses of construction methods, opinions, and recommendations
- Scope of work determination including development of remedial architectural and engineering plans and specifications
- Estimating: scope of repair plans and specifications for accurate estimate preparation
- Litigation support: preparation for mediation and cost allocations
- Expert testimony



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The Process

1. Initial Examination

Field Investigations and Testing

- Initial visual investigation of existing exterior building conditions.
- Selective destructive testing (based on initial visual inspection) to determine underlying building problems.
- Evaluation of components, location of damage for reuse or replacement.

2. Documentation of Findings Scope of Repair

- Water testing per AAMA and ASTM, photographic documentation including video, infrared where applicable.
- Tabulation of findings including number and locations where issues occurred for accurate cost estimating.
- Comprehensive recommendations and cost effective remedial plans.
- Final material selections for products and repair alternatives.

3. Preparation for Litigation Assistance for Mediation, Expert Testimony

- Code evaluation and applicability for assessing non-compliance and/or omissions.
- Replacement cost estimates for mediation purposes.
- Resolution of construction related issues and cost allocations.
- Trial support, exhibits and expert testimony.

The Site Investigation – Reporting of Findings



Damage of sheathing and structural components due to water intrusion



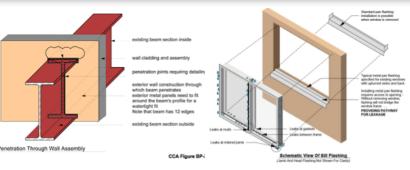
Excessive moisture readings due to improper construction methods





Installation problems including: openings and flashing, masonry, stone and fiber cement siding







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