

Construction Forensic Experts Gather to Share Industry Insights at West Coast Casualty's Largest Educational Event

February 1, 2011, San Diego, CA - Stan Luhr has been selected to moderate a panel of construction experts who will be sharing insights at a symposium to be held in the Disney Convention Center in California May 12-13. The event is attended by nearly 2,000 leading attorneys, judges, mediators and other support services companies who work in the niche construction defect litigation market, a legal segment that pits homeowners' rights to sue for defects against builders and insurance providers. Hosted by West Coast Casualty, this year will mark the 17th year of this event.

"It's always an interesting dynamic watching these folks who during the week fight each other representing their interests and seeing them here sharing stories and learning the latest in litigation trends," said Stan Luhr, who was also selected to coordinate the Technology Fair this year. "There is a sense of camaraderie between the different factions even though they may be adversarial outside this conference."

Luhr has been a featured speaker at past events, sharing his perspective on the influence of construction quality practices many builders have used to stem the flow of construction defect claims. In 1994 he developed several quality assurance programs and introduced innovative technology to the construction site, which garnered the attention of the nation's leading insurance providers looking for a way to curb the multi-million dollar claims. By 2010 the company he created, Quality Built, had verified over \$9 billion in total risk savings to the more than 6,000 builders who utilized his services. He sold his interests in the company and now devotes his time representing clients engaged in construction claims.

Luhr sees his industry responding to changes in the law where builders have a chance to repair "actionable" defects in light of California and other states enacting so-called "Right-to-Repair" laws. Before California's Civil Code 895 took effect in 2003, homeowners could sue a builder without any notice of the claim or give them an opportunity to fix legitimate defects with their home. Luhr says now that the law is in place, homeowners are less inclined to sign up with plaintiff attorneys who often canvas entire neighborhoods looking for homeowners to join into the lawsuit against the builder.

"California laws now give the builder a chance to get repairs done," Luhr said. "But a builder only has one chance to permanently resolve the issue. If they don't, homeowners still have the right to file suit."

Information regarding the conference can be found at www.ppcexpert.com