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Re: Myles F. Corcoran Construction Consulting, Inc.

To whom it may concern:

I have known, and worked professionally with, Myles Corcoran for over ten years. On two occasions during that period of time, my client has retained Mr. Corcoran as a consultant relative to complex construction litigation. In both instances I represented the owner/developer City of Santa Cruz. One case involved a large three-story parking structure which evidenced water intrusion three years post-construction. The other case involved numerous construction defects on a new Police Department administration building that were manifested prior to the completion of construction. Both cases involved numerous potentially responsible parties including construction management firms, general contractors and subcontractors and, by extension, numerous insurance carriers. In the former case, the litigation was managed by a court-appointed special master and in the latter case, settlement negotiations were conducted directly among the parties.

In both instances Mr. Corcoran quickly established himself as the individual with the most expertise concerning the structural defects in question, the cause of those defects and the most practical, cost-efficient method of remediating the defects and allowing the structures to be put to their intended use as quickly as possible with the assurance that the structures would not experience similar problems in the future after the potentially responsible parties had been discharged from liability. More importantly, in both cases Mr. Corcoran demonstrated his ability to unite his knowledge with a reasonable, constructive and non-threatening demeanor that facilitated candid settlement negotiations and a willingness on behalf of all parties to work towards a constructive solution in contrast to an atmosphere where the parties might have participated defensively with a reluctance to acknowledge responsibility.

Given the fact that Mr. Corcoran, in my experience, has been able to facilitate the settlement of complex construction disputes so effectively while representing a party to those disputes, I am quite confident that these skills would greatly benefit others in the future who elected to employ him to facilitate construction defect disputes or other construction-related disputes as a mediator in an alternative dispute resolution environment.

Very truly yours,



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