



# MFC NEWS

## *“Building Understanding”*

MFC will find out the truth about buildings and answer the hard questions.

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### What's New at MFC...

**I**t is with sadness that we dedicate this issue of MFC News to Joseph Myles Corcoran. Myles & Pat's 33 year old son passed away this past November when a drunk driver hit Joseph's motorcycle. Joseph was a union carpenter who had worked at MFC for four years. A highly skilled builder, a lover of humanity, a strong family man and a good friend, he is deeply missed.

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Daniel succeeded in the lengthy process to become an ICC Certified Mechanical Inspector

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Micah Rodler participated in the Annual Meeting of the Association of Defense Counsel (ADC) in December

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Micah Rodler attended the National Association Remodeling Industry (NARI-SV) dinner meeting in November on "Are You Fit to Grow?" about the risks and opportunities of growth, including 12 business themes to position for growth

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Daniel Alcocer attended U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC-NCC) Monterey Bay Branch's Tour of the Platinum LEED Live Oak Family Resource Center in November

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### Quote of the Day

“A person with a new idea is a crank until the idea succeeds.”

~ Mark Twain

### Wisdom Corner

#### **Defending Stucco Defect Allegations**

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Approximately 80% of construction defect lawsuits which we defend involve stucco-clad houses. Depending on the plaintiffs' expert, alleged stucco defects usually comprise anywhere from 20% to 50% of the total cost of repair. Therefore, it is important for those involved in defending stucco subcontractors to understand, and so be better able to defend, stucco defect allegations. In this article, we will discuss the two most common, and thus most expensive, defect allegations we encounter when defending stucco claims. Those allegations are improper building paper installation and stucco cracks.

~[Read more](#)

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### MFC Tip of the Day

#### **Beware of Dishwasher Fire**

We recently heard about the danger of fire occurring while running your dishwasher. A local attorney is litigating a case involving this issue. A class action lawsuit was filed in Canada in September and the CBC News wrote an article about this potential problem on 12/3/13.

~[Read more](#)



## What's Wrong in this Photo?



### ~Answer.

Mirror shows drips and wet plywood at foundation behind stucco. Not good!

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