

LAW REVIEW

CALIFORNIA - OWNERS OF 19 Mission Viejo homes were court-ordered to pay \$493,903.80 in defendant court costs after the defendant prevailed in a construction defect lawsuit. The case involved homeowners claiming the foundations of their homes were damaged by sulfates in the soil. The judge who heard the case said the plaintiff's expert was using "junk science" as expert testimony. Testimony was based on non-scientific methods for forensic examination of the concrete. The judge also decried the tactics of the plaintiff's attorney for increasing the demand knowing that it would guarantee that the case never settle. Each homeowner must now pay \$25,994.94 to cover the judgment. Since these type of lawsuits are typical in California, this court decision was quite a blow to the plaintiff's attorneys for future actions. Similar cases are taking place in San Diego and Scottsdale, AZ. Source: Castron, et al. v. Fieldstone, et. al

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