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INVITATION TO COMMENT

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Title

Discovery: New Form Interrogatories for Construction Litigation

Proposed Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes Approve form DISC-005

Proposed by

Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee Hon. Dennis M. Perluss, Chair **Action Requested**

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Executive Summary and Origin

The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommends new *Form Interrogatories*— *Construction Litigation* (form DISC-005), which includes interrogatories on topics specific to construction litigation as well as several topics from the general civil form interrogatories, some of which have been revised to more specifically address construction cases. Form interrogatories exist for general use in civil cases and for certain specialized types of cases, but there are currently none specifically for use in construction litigation. Practitioners in the area of construction litigation have urged adoption of form interrogatories for several years, with the goals of eliminating the need for parties to craft special interrogatories for the most commonly asked questions, standardizing those questions so that parties will be aware of what information will have to be provided in the action and, as a result, decreasing the number of motions to compel filed in the courts.

The Proposal

The proposed *Form Interrogatories—Construction Litigation* (form DISC-005) will follow the same format as the other Judicial Council form interrogatories.

The instructions at the beginning are essentially the same as in the other form interrogatories, with two exceptions.

• First, the use of the form will be limited to smaller cases, except with leave of court. In residential construction cases, the proposed form interrogatories are not intended for use in actions that involve more than five residential units, and in complex cases, they are not

to be used until after a court has found good cause. Specific comments are requested on these limitations (see the box at the end of this invitation).

• Second, the instructions recognize that in many construction cases a document depository is created, so they permit responses in the form of identifying those documents in such a depository that contain the information sought in an interrogatory.

Other notable aspects of the proposed form interrogatories include the following:

- As with other civil form interrogatories, parties will be able to attach additional individually crafted interrogatories should they wish.
- The definitions in the construction form interrogatories parallel those in the general form interrogatories but add terms specific to construction litigation. In addition, because the use of "Incident" as a defined term would be confusing in these interrogatories, that term has been replaced with "Construction Claim" and "Construction Defect Claim."
- The proposed construction interrogatories are intended to serve as a single integral set of interrogatories rather than as a discrete set of specialty interrogatories for use in addition to or as a supplement to other form interrogatories. Hence, they include interrogatories on several topics included in the general civil form interrogatories, with some tailored to more specifically address construction cases.
- None of the questions concerning personal injury from the general form interrogatories are included in the proposed form. Such interrogatories would only infrequently be applicable in a construction case, and the committee concluded that their presence in this set would unnecessarily complicate the form.
- There is a signature line at the end of the interrogatories, for counsel or a party without counsel to sign and date the form.

Alternatives Considered

The committee considered not recommending the new form interrogatories. Representatives of the Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC) disagree with the need for or value of the form interrogatories in construction cases. CAOC representatives have asserted that the interrogatories would change the nature of the litigation in smaller cases and are not needed in larger construction cases, which are frequently handled in mediation, where a more informal approach to the exchange of information occurs, or as complex litigation matters, in which a Case Management Order is used to guide discovery. The advisory committee disagreed with that position and concluded that the form interrogatories would be useful in construction litigation, particularly in smaller cases. The committee noted that discovery is permitted in construction litigation cases, even those in which a pre-litigation exchange of information is statutorily required. The committee further concluded that the standardization of discovery requests via form interrogatories would likely help all parties, plaintiffs and defendants, and the courts by making discovery more predictable, hence decreasing the number and complexity of motions to compel filed in the courts.

Having decided to recommend a new set of form interrogatories, the committee worked with representatives of CAOC and other attorney organizations to develop the content of the

interrogatories. The committee, with input from those attorneys, decided to propose a single integral set of interrogatories, including interrogatories from the general form interrogatories, rather than a discrete set of construction interrogatories which would be used in addition to or as a supplement to the general form interrogatories. The committee also considered, but at the urging of the attorneys working with the committee, rejected including personal injury interrogatories in the proposed set. Such interrogatories are only infrequently applicable in a construction case and the committee concluded that their presence would complicate the form unnecessarily.

Implementation Requirements

Because the form interrogatories would be used by and between the parties, there will be little operational impact on the courts, aside from making motions to compel more predictable and possibly fewer in number.

Request for Specific Comments

In addition to comments on the proposal as a whole and on the individual interrogatories and instructions, the advisory committee is interested in comments on the following:

- Does the proposal appropriately address the stated purpose?
- Would the proposed form interrogatories be appropriate and helpful in construction litigation as limited in the instructions? That is, in residential construction cases involving no more than five units, in commercial construction cases not deemed complex, and in complex construction cases only with permission of the court?
- Should the instructions allow the form interrogatories for use in somewhat larger residential construction cases as well? Would they be appropriate and useful in actions involving up to 10 residential units? Would some other number—higher or lower—be more appropriate?
- Should the defined terms remain formatted as in the attached, in boldface and all capital letters or, in order to make the form more readable, be changed to just boldface, without the capitals? An example of such formatting of defined terms can be seen in *Form Interrogatories Family Law* (form FL-145).

The advisory committee also seeks comments from *courts* on the following cost and implementation matters:

- Would the proposal provide cost savings? If so please quantify.
- What, if anything, would the implementation requirements for courts be? For example, training staff (please identify position and expected hours of training), revising processes and procedures (please describe), changing docket codes in case management system, or modifying case management system.
- Would two months from Judicial Council approval of this proposal until its effective date provide sufficient time for implementation?
- How well would this proposal work in courts of different sizes?

Attachments and Links

The proposed Form Interrogatories—Construction Litigation (form DISC-005) is attached.

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DISC-005

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address):				
TELEPHONE NO	FAV NO :			
TELEPHONE NO.:	FAX NO. :			
E-MAIL ADDRESS:				
ATTORNEY FOR (Name):				
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF				
SHORT TITLE OF CASE:				
FORM INTERROGATORIES—CONS	STRUCTION LITIGATION	CASE NUMBER:		
Asking Party:				
Answering Party:				
Set No.:				
These interrogatories are not intended to be used in residential cases involving six or more single-family homes or housing units. In cases that have been deemed complex under rule 3.400 et seg, of the California Rules of Court, these				

interrogatories must not be used until the asking party has obtained judicial approval on a showing of good cause.

Sec. 1. Instructions to All Parties

- (a) Interrogatories are written questions prepared by a party to an action that are sent to any other party in the action to be answered under oath. The interrogatories below are form interrogatories approved for use in construction litigation cases, except as limited in section 2 below.
- (b) For time limitations, requirements for service on other parties, and other details, see Code of Civil Procedure sections 2030.010–2030.410 and the cases construing those sections.
- (c) These form interrogatories do not change existing law relating to interrogatories nor do they affect an answering party's right to assert any privilege or make any objection, including but not limited to any objection recognized by statute or case law.
- (d) These form interrogatories are not to be interpreted as requiring any information that would invade the attorneyclient privilege or be protected under the doctrines of attorney-work product or mediation confidentiality. Nor do these interrogatories require identification of any witnesses or documents protected under such privilege or doctrines or otherwise covered by Evidence Code sections1115 et seq. regarding mediation or Code of Civil Procedure sections 2034.010 et seq., regarding expert witnesses.

Sec. 2. Instructions to the Asking Party

- (a) These interrogatories are designed for optional use by parties in construction litigation. Separate interrogatories (Form Interrogatories—General (form DISC-001) and Form Interrogatories—Limited Civil Cases (Economic Litigation) (form DISC-004)) may also be used where applicable in construction cases.
- (b) Check the box next to each interrogatory that you want the answering party to answer. Use care in choosing those

interrogatories that are applicable to the case.

- (c) You may insert your own definition of CONSTRUCTION CLAIM or CONSTRUCTION DEFECT CLAIM in section 4, but only where the action arises from a course of conduct or series of events occurring over a period of time.
- (d) The interrogatories in section 325.0, Defendant's Contentions, should not be used until the defendant/crossdefendant has had a reasonable opportunity to conduct an investigation or discovery of the other parties' damages.
- (e) Additional interrogatories may be attached.

Sec. 3. Instructions to the Answering Party

- (a) An answer or other appropriate response must be given to each interrogatory checked by the asking party.
- (b) Within 30 days after you are served with these interrogatories, you must serve your responses on the asking party and serve copies of your responses on all other parties to the action that have appeared. See Code of Civil Procedure sections 2030.260–2030.270 for details.
- (c) Each answer must be as complete and straightforward as the information reasonably available to you permits, including the information possessed by your attorneys or agents. If an interrogatory cannot be answered completely, answer it to the extent possible.
- (d) If you do not have enough personal knowledge to fully answer an interrogatory, say so, but make a reasonable and good faith effort to get the information by asking other persons or organizations, unless the information is equally available to the asking party.
- (e) Whenever an interrogatory may be answered by referring to a document, the document may be attached as an exhibit to the response and referred to in the response. If the document has more than one page, refer to the page

and section where the answer can be found.

If you have provided a document depository with documents from which answers to these interrogatories may be derived and the asking party has access to the document depository, you may answer an interrogatory by identifying specific deposited documents (for example, by Bates stamp number) and the index associated with the specific produced documents.

- (f) Whenever an address and telephone number for the same person are requested in more than one interrogatory, you are need furnish them only in your response to the first interrogatory that asks for that information.
- (g) If you are asserting a privilege or making an objection to an interrogatory, you must specifically assert the privilege or state the objection in your written response.
- (h) Your answers to these interrogatories must be verified, dated, and signed. You may wish to use the following form at the end of your answers:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing answers are true and correct.

(DATE) (SIGNATURE)

Sec. 4. Definitions

Words in **BOLDFACE CAPITALS** in these interrogatories are defined as follows:

- (a) **ADDRESS** means the full street address, including any unit number and the city, state, and zip code.
- (b) ASSOCIATION means a nonprofit corporation or unincorporated association created for the purpose of managing a common interest development as more fully set forth Civil Code sections 1350 and following.
- (c) BUILDER means any PERSON, including without limitation, an OWNER, developer, or subdivider who was involved in the development, design, marketing, construction, or sale of the SUBJECT PROPERTY,
- (d) CONSTRUCTION CLAIM means any allegation relating to residential, industrial, or commercial construction other than a CONSTRUCTION DEFECT CLAIM, including without limitation, allegations of fraud or deceit, that all or a part of the construction has been delayed, that more or less money is due, or that some legal or contractual obligation has been breached relating to the construction or sale of the SUBJECT PROPERTY.
 - ☐ CONSTRUCTION CLAIM means (asking party may insert definition here or on a separate attached sheet labeled "Sec. 4(d)—Definition of Construction Claim"):

(e) CONSTRUCTION DEFECT CLAIM means an allegation that all or a part of some construction or design, including without limitation residential, industrial, or commercial, does not comply with the requirements of an applicable contract, design, plan, installation instructions, specification, statute, code or standard or is otherwise defective or deficient, including any allegations of related property damage.

☐ CONSTRUCTION DEFECT CLAIM means (asking party may insert definition here or on a separate attached sheet labeled "Sec. 4(e)—Definition of Construction Defect Claim"):

- (f) CONSTRUCTION MANAGER means a licensed or unlicensed PERSON who manages the construction as to the SUBJECT PROPERTY on behalf of the BUILDER or OWNER and who did not enter into a contract with a GENERAL CONTRACTOR, SUBCONTRACTOR, or DESIGN PROFESSIONAL.
- (g) CONTRACT means an oral, written or implied agreement to provide equipment, supplies, materials, work or services for construction as to the SUBJECT PROPERTY, including, without limitation, change orders, work orders and purchase orders.
- (h) CONTRACTOR as used herein means any licensed or unlicensed PERSON who CONTRACTS with a BUILDER or OWNER to perform construction as to the SUBJECT PROPERTY or to enter into CONTRACTS with a SUBCONTRACTOR or DESIGN PROFESSIONAL as to such construction.
- (i) DESIGN PROFESSIONAL means any licensed or unlicensed PERSON, including, without limitation, any soils engineers, geotechnical engineers, civil engineers, structural engineers, landscape or environmental engineers, HVAC engineers, and architects and landscape architects who have provided any design or design services, including plans, specifications, or calculations for construction, to the SUBJECT PROPERTY.
- (j) DOCUMENT means a writing, as defined in Evidence Code section 250, and includes the original or a copy of handwriting, typewriting, printing, photostats, photographs, magnetically and electronically stored information, and every other means of recording on any tangible thing and any form of communicating or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combinations of them.
- (k) HEALTH CARE PROVIDER includes any PERSON referred to in Code of Civil Procedure section 667.7(e)(3).
- (I) INSURANCE POLICY means any contract of insurance, whether primary, pro rata, fronting, umbrella, excess or otherwise, issued by any admitted or nonadmitted insurer. INSURANCE POLICY includes, without limitation, a policy or covering agreement issued by any insurance company, risk retention group, captive group, or joint powers authority.
- (m) OWNER means any PERSON who owns or owned legal or equitable title to the SUBJECT PROPERTY.
- (n) PERSON includes a natural person, firm, association, organization, general or limited or professional joint venture, partnership, business, trust, limited liability company, corporation, or public entity.
- (o) PLEADINGS mean the original or most recent amended

- version of any complaint, cross-complaint, or complaint in intervention, and answer to same.
- (p) PRODUCT means any goods produced or manufactured, either by natural means or by hand or with tools, machinery, chemicals, or the like, which are the subject of a CONSTRUCTION DEFECT CLAIM in this action.
- (q) SUBCONTRACTOR means any licensed or unlicensed PERSON who entered a CONTRACT with a CONTRACTOR for any of the construction on the SUBJECT PROPERTY.
- (r) SUBJECT PROPERTY means any real property that is the subject of the CONSTRUCTION CLAIM or CONSTRUCTION DEFECT CLAIM made in this action
- (s) SUPERVISING EMPLOYEE is an employee responsible for the supervision and direction of one or more employees involved in construction on SUBJECT PROPERTY. SUPERVISING EMPLOYEE also includes the Responsible Managing Offer and Responsible Managing Employee (as those terms are used in Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 7065, 7068, and 7068.1) for each BUILDER, GENERAL CONTRACTOR, and SUBCONTRACTOR involved in the SUBJECT PROPERTY.
- (t) SUPPLIER means any PERSON who enters into a CONTRACT to provide equipment, supplies or materials for the construction as to the SUBJECT PROPERTY.
- (u) YOU, YOUR, or ANYONE ACTING ON YOUR BEHALF refers to you; your agents; your employees; your insurance companies, your attorneys, your accountants, your investigators, and their agents and employees; and anyone else acting on your behalf, other than your nondisclosed expert consultants.

Sec. 5. Interrogatories

The following interrogatories have been approved by the Judicial Council under Code of Civil Procedure section 2033.710:

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301.0 Identity of PERSONS Answering These Interrogatories

301.1 State the name, ADDRESS, telephone number and relationship to YOU of each PERSON who prepared, or assisted in the preparation of, the responses to these interrogatories. (Do not identify anyone who simply typed or reproduced the responses.)

302.0 General Background Information—Individual

 302.1 State: (a) YOUR name; (b) every name YOU have used in the past; and (c) the dates YOU used each name.
302.2 State the date and place of YOUR birth:
 302.3 State: (a) YOUR present residence ADDRESS (b) YOUR residence ADDRESSES for the past 15 years; (c) the dates you lived at each ADDRESS; and

- ☐ 302.4 State:
 - (a) the name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of YOUR present employer or place of self-employment, and YOUR current job title; and

(d) YOUR telephone number at your present ADDRESS.

- (b) the name, ADDRESS, dates of employment or self employment, and job title, for any employment or selfemployment YOU have had from five years before the material facts on which the CONSTRUCTION CLAIM or the CONSTRUCTION DEFECT CLAIM is based until today.
- ☐ 302.5 State:
 - (a) the name and ADDRESS of each school or other academic or vocational institution YOU have attended, beginning with high school;
 - (b) the dates **YOU** attended;
 - (c) the highest grade level YOU completed; and
 - (d) the degrees received
- 302.6 Have YOU ever been convicted of a felony? If so, for each conviction state:
 - (a) the city and state where **YOU** were convicted;
 - (b) the date of conviction:
 - (c) the offense; and
 - (d) the court and case number.
- 302.7 Can **YOU** speak English with ease? If not, what language and dialect do **YOU** normally use?
- 302.8 Can YOU read and write English with ease? If not, what language and dialect do YOU normally use?

303.0 General Background Information—Business Entity

- ☐ 303.1 Are **YOU** a corporation? If so, state:
 - (a) the name stated in the current articles of incorporation;
 - (b) all other names used by the corporation during the past 15 years and the dates each was used;
 - (c) the date and place of incorporation;
 - (d) the ADDRESS of the principal place of incorporation;

(e) whether **YOU** are qualified to do business in California; and (f) any other state in which YOU are qualified to do business. ☐ 303.2 Are **YOU** a partnership? If so, state: (a) the current partnership name; (b) all other names used by the partnership during the past 15 years and the dates each was used: (c) whether YOU are a limited partnership and, if so, under the laws of what jurisdiction; (d) the name and **ADDRESS** of each general partner; (e) the **ADDRESS** of the principal place of business ☐ 303.3 Are **YOU** a limited liability company? If so, state: (a) the name stated in the current articles of organization; (b) all other names used by the company during the past 15 years and the date each was used; (c) the date and place of filing of the articles of organization: (d) the **ADDRESS** of the principal place of business: (e) whether **YOU** are qualified to do business in California; and any other state YOU are qualified to do business in. ☐ 303.4 Are **YOU** a joint venture? If so, state: (a) the current joint venture name; (b) all other names used by the joint venture during the past 15 years and the dates each was used; (c) the name and ADDRESS of each joint venture; and (d) the ADDRESS of the principal place of business 303.5 Are **YOU** an unincorporated association? If so, (a) the current unincorporated association name. (b) all other names used by the unincorporated association during the past 15 years and the dates each was used: (c) the ADDRESS of the principal place of business, and (d) list the name, ADDRESS and phone number of all YOUR Board members for the past 10 years by the date they took office. Have YOU done business under a fictitious name during the past 10 years? If so, for each fictitious name state: (a) the name: (b) the dates each was used: (c) the state and county of each fictitious name filing; and (d) the ADDRESS of the principal place of business. 303.7 During the time that YOU performed any work at or relating to the SUBJECT PROPERTY, did YOU possess a valid California contractor's license for the work being performed. If so, state (a) the type of license; (b) the name, address and telephone number of the holder of the license; (c) the class or type of license: (d) the license numbers;

(e) any lapse of the license while YOU performed any

the dates of those lapses;

and the dates of those suspensions;

(g) any inactive status of the license while YOU

work at or relating to the SUBJECT PROPERTY and

any suspension of the license while YOU performed

any work at or relating to the SUBJECT PROPERTY

performed any work on or relating to the **SUBJECT PROPERTY**, along with the dates of the inactivity.

304.0 Insurance

- □ 304.1 At the time of the of the material facts on which the CONSTRUCTION CLAIM or the CONSTRUCTION DEFECT CLAIM is based or since, was there in effect any INSURANCE POLICY through which YOU are or may be entitled to coverage for loss or expenses that are or may be incurred related to the CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS or CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS CLAIMS asserted against YOU, including but not limited to defense costs, indemnity for settlements or damages awarded against YOU, loss and adjustment expenses, or medical payment? If so, for each policy state:
 - (a) the policy number, or other unique number used by the issuer to identify the **INSURANCE POLICY**, and the effective dates of coverage;
 - (b) the kind of insurance or coverage (including, without limitation, commercial general liability, professional liability, directors and officers, homeowners,
 SUBJECT PROPERTY, course of construction, builder's risk, automobile, or public entity liability protection);
 - (c) the policy level and description of any underlying insurance or self insurance that must be exhausted prior to its application (for example, for umbrella or excess insurance, please state the amount of underlying insurance or self insurance that must be exceeded before the policy applies);
 - (d) the name, ADDRESS and telephone number of the insurer, and the name ADDRESS and telephone number of the PERSON responsible for the adjustment of the claim related to the CONSTRUCTION CLAIM or the CONSTRUCTION DEFECT CLAIM is based;
 - (e) the name of any PERSON who is or may become a party to this action who may qualify as an insured, additional insured, or a protected or covered PERSON;
 - (f) whether the INSURANCE POLICY contains a blanket additional insured provision, or other provision whereby the PERSONS insured (or PERSON protected by the INSURANCE POLICY) includes any PERSON or entity whom one Insured or protected PERSON is obligated to provide additional insured coverage in some kind of CONTRACT or agreement;
 - (g) the aggregate and per occurrence or per claim Limit of Liability for each potentially applicable coverage contained in the INSURANCE POLICY, including, without limitation, the limit the insurer claims is potentially applicable (if less than the limit stated in the policy declarations);
 - (h) the limit of any retained amount payable by any insured relative to a claim otherwise covered by the policy, whether by means of a deductible, self-insured retention, deductible indemnity agreement, or retrospective premium provision, and whether the payment of loss and adjustment or defense expense reduces such retention obligation;
 - (i) whether the INSURANCE POLICY contains an exclusion barring coverage for damage known to any insured prior to the policy period, or barring coverage for damage that first occurs prior to the coverage period for the INSURANCE POLICY;
 - whether any controversy or coverage dispute exists

improvements on SUBJECT PROPERTY, in which YOU

(k) whether the insurer issuing the INSURANCE POLICY have an ownership interest, state: (a) the date YOU received an ownership interest in has issued a written reservation of rights; and the name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of the **SUBJECT PROPERTY** or improvements; custodian of the policy. (b) whether YOU are the original purchaser; (Instead of responding to items (a) through (i) above, you (c) the name of the PERSON who transferred title in the may attach a complete and accurate copy of each real SUBJECT PROPERTY or improvements to **INSURANCE POLICY** responsive to interrogatory 304.1. YOU: You must still answer items (j) through (l) for each policy (d) the purchase price. even if you provide copies.) ☐ 305.6 Did **YOU** receive any written or oral disclosures, ☐ 304.2 Are **YOU** self-insured under any statute for the homeowner's manuals, written or oral warranties, or other representations at or about the time YOU purchased any damages, claims, or actions that have arisen out of the **CONSTRUCTION CLAIM** or the **CONSTRUCTION SUBJECT PROPERTY** or improvements on **SUBJECT DEFECT CLAIM?** If so, specify the statute. PROPERTY? If so, (a) identify all written disclosures, homeowner's manuals, Has any SUBCONTRACTOR who is or might be or written warranties YOU received. a party to this action named YOU as an additional insured (b) state the name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of on an insurance certificate or endorsement? If so, for each the PERSON who has each DOCUMENT containing such SUBCONTRACTOR, state: such materials: (a) its name, ADDRESS and telephone number; (c) describe any oral warranties or representations YOU (b) whether **YOU** or the insured have made any tender were given; under that SUBCONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE (d) identify any **PERSON** who made those oral POLICY: warranties and when and where they were made. (c) the response to your tender; and (d) whether the SUBCONTRACTOR'S CONTRACT with 305.7 Did YOU prepare or make any written or oral YOU required it to carry an INSURANCE POLICY disclosures, homeowner manuals, written or oral naming YOU as an additional insured. warranties, or other representations at or about the time YOU sold or transferred any SUBJECT PROPERTY or 305.0 **Subject Property Damages** improvements on SUBJECT PROPERTY? If so, (a) identify any written disclosures, homeowner manuals, 305.1 Do YOU attribute any loss of or damage to or written warranties: SUBJECT PROPERTY to the facts on which the (b) state the name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of **CONSTRUCTION CLAIM** or the **CONSTRUCTION** the PERSON who has each version of each **DEFECT CLAIM** is based? If so, for each item of **DOCUMENT** containing such materials; SUBJECT PROPERTY (c) describe any oral warranties or representations YOU (a) describe the SUBJECT PROPERTY; (b) describe the nature and location of the damage to the (d) identify any PERSON who made those oral SUBJECT PROPERTY; warranties and when and where they were made. (c) state the amount of damage YOU are claiming for each piece of SUBJECT PROPERTY and how the ☐ 305.8 Have **YOU** made any improvements to any amount was calculated. SUBJECT PROPERTY in which YOU have any ownership interest? If so, state: 305.2 Has the SUBJECT PROPERTY been sold (a) each improvement you made, including, without during the past 10 years? If so, state: limitation, painting, landscaping, pool or spa (a) the name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of the installation, light fixture changes, cabinet changes, seller: floor covering replacement, or room additions, (b) the date of sale: and (b) the date each such improvement was made; and (c) the sale price. (c) the name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of the **PERSON** who performed the improvement. (This interrogatory does not apply to sales of individual units when the answering party is an ASSOCIATION.) Have **YOU** performed maintenance—including, without limitation, roof repair, painting, and caulking-to Has a written estimate or evaluation been made for any item of SUBJECT PROPERTY referred to in any SUBJECT PROPERTY in which YOU have an YOUR answer to the interrogatory 305.1? If so, for each ownership interest? If so, state: estimate or evaluation state: (a) the nature of each act of maintenance; (a) the name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of the (b) the date each act of maintenance was made; and **PERSON** who prepared it and the date prepared: the name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of the (b) the name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of each PERSON who performed each such act of **PERSON** who has a copy of it; MAINTENANCE. (c) the amount of damage stated; and (d) the basis of the estimate or evaluation. 305.10 During the past two years, has the **SUBJECT** PROPERTY been appraised? If so, for each appraisal State the exact manner in which title is held to state:

305.5

claiming damages in this litigation

each piece of SUBJECT PROPERTY for which YOU are

For each piece of SUBJECT PROPERTY, or

between you and the insurer;

(a) the date of the appraisal;

the name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of the

PERSON who performed the appraisal; and

(c) the appraised value of the real SUBJECT

	•	PROPERTY at the time the appraisal was made.			0.1? If so, describe each DOCUMENT and state the
	305.1	11 For each problem or defect YOU contend exists			me, ADDRESS, and telephone number of the PERSON
		y SUBJECT PROPERTY owned by YOU, describe in			o has each DOCUMENT .
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		he nature of any problem or defect;	310	0.0	Other Claims and Previous Claims
(٠,	he date YOU first became aware of such problem or	_		
		defect;	Ш	310	
(he actions taken by YOU , if any, in response to the			U filed an action or made a written claim or demand for
		problem or defect, including reporting it to any party in			npensation for damages to the SUBJECT
		his litigation; and the response to YOUR report of the problem or		sta	OPERTY ? If so, for each action, claim, or demand
,		defect, if any, by any party in this litigation.			the name, ADDRESS , and telephone number of each
	,	defect, if arry, by arry party in this intigation.		(α)	PERSON against whom the claim or demand was
	305.1	12 If YOU have repaired or attempted to repair any			made or the action filed;
		STRUCTION CLAIM or CONSTRUCTION DEFECT		(b)	the court, names of the parties, and case number of
(CLAI	M YOU contend allegedly exists in any SUBJECT		. ,	any action filed;
		PERTY owned by YOU, state:		(c)	the name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of any
(he problem or defect repaired or attempted to be			attorney representing YOU;
		repaired;			a general description of the action, claim or demand;
		describe the repair or attempted repair;		(e)	whether the claim or action has been resolved or is
		he date of the repair or attempted repair;		(£)	pending; and
		he cost of the repair or attempted repair; and the name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of the		(f)	if resolved, how, including the amount of any judgment or settlement, description of repairs made,
(PERSON who performed the repair or attempted			or any other resolution.
		repair.			of any other resolution.
		opan.	311	1.0	Investigations—General
	305.1	13 Have YOU ever hired any PERSON, including			
	but n	ot limited to a CONTRACTOR, DESIGN		311	1.1 Do YOU or ANYONE ACTING ON YOUR
		FESSIONAL or engineer, other than those hired by			HALF know of any photographs, films, videotapes,
		R attorney, to inspect, prepare a bid regarding, or			ordings, or electronically stored information depicting
		r a condition that YOU contend is a			place, object, event, or individual concerned in the
		STRUCTION CLAIM or CONSTRUCTION DEFECT			NSTRUCTION CLAIM or the CONSTRUCTION
		M alleged in this litigation? If so, for each, state			FECT CLAIM? If so, state:
		he date of the inspection; he name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of the		(a)	the number of photographs, length of film or videotape, or megabytes of an electronic recording;
'		PERSON performing the inspection;		(h)	the places, objects, or PERSONS photographed,
(the general nature of the problem or defect inspected;		(5)	filed, videotaped or otherwise recorded;
,		and		(c)	the date the photographs, films, videotapes, or other
((d) t	he cost of the inspection.		()	recordings were taken;
				(d)	the name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of the
		14 Have YOU ever made any insurance or warranty			individual who took the photographs or recorded the
		s or claims to any PERSON for the			films, videotapes, or electronic recordings; and
		STRUCTION CLAIM or CONSTRUCTION DEFECT		(e)	the name, ADDRESS , and telephone number of each
		M alleged in this action? If so, state:			PERSON who has the original media or a copy of the
'		the name, ADDRESS, and phone number to whom YOU made the claim;			photographs, films, videotapes, or electronic recordings.
		the approximate date of the claim; and			recordings.
		he resolution of that claim.		311	.2 Do YOU or does ANYONE ACTING ON YOUR
	(-,		_		HALF know of any diagram, reproduction, or model of
306.0	o [[Reserved]		any	place or thing concerning the CONSTRUCTION
307.0	o /	[Reserved]			AIM or the CONSTRUCTION DEFECT CLAIM? If so,
308.0	-	-			each item state:
300.0	ן נ	[Reserved]		(a)	the type of item (such as blueprint, diagram,
309.0	n (Other Damages		/ - \	reproduction, model, etc.);
505.	•	other burnages			its subject matter; and the name, ADDRESS , and telephone number of each
	309.1	Are there any other damages that YOU attribute		(0)	PERSON who has it.
		CONSTRUCTION CLAIM or CONSTRUCTION			LICON WITO HAS IC.
		ECT CLAIM alleged in this action? If so, for each item		311	1.3 Was a report made by any PERSON concerning
		mage state:			CONSTRUCTION CLAIM or the CONSTRUCTION
		he nature;			FECT CLAIM? If so, state:
		he date it occurred;			the name, title, and employer of the PERSON who
		he amount; and			made the report;
(the name, ADDRESS , and telephone number of each			the date and type of report made;
	1	PERSON whom you assert suffered damages.		(c)	the name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of the
\Box	309.2	2 Do any DOCUMENTS support the existence or		, n	PERSON for whom the report was made; and
□ ;	JUJ.2	bo any boodmento support the existence of		(d)	the name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of each

		PERSON who has an original or copy of the report.		(b)	describe each part of the agreement not in writing,
П	311	.4 Have YOU or ANYONE ACTING ON YOUR			along with the name ADDRESS , and telephone number of each PERSON agreeing to that provision,
	BEI	HALF (except for consultants retained by counsel or			and the date that part of the agreement was made;
		ert trial witnesses) inspected the SUBJECT		(c)	identify all DOCUMENTS that evidence any part of
		OPERTY on which the CONSTRUCTION CLAIM or CONSTRUCTION DEFECT CLAIM is based? If so, for			the agreement not in writing, and for each, state the name, ADDRESS , and telephone number of each
		th inspection state:			PERSON who has the DOCUMENT;
		the name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of the		(d)	identify all DOCUMENTS that are part of any
		individual making the inspection; and			modification to the agreement, and for each, state the
	(b)	the date of the inspection.			name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of each PERSON who has the DOCUMENT:
312	.0	Statutory or Regulatory Violations		(e)	describe each modification to the agreement not in
				(-)	writing, along with the date the modification was made
	312				and the name, ADDRESS , and telephone number of
		HALF contend that any PERSON involved in the urrence of the material facts on which the		(f)	each PERSON agreeing to the modification; identify all DOCUMENTS that evidence any
		NSTRUCTION CLAIM or CONSTRUCTION DEFECT		(1)	modification of the agreement not in writing and for
	CL	AIM is based violated any statute, ordinance, or			each state the name, ADDRESS, and telephone
	_	ulation, and that the violation was a legal (proximate)			number of the PERSON who has each DOCUMENT ;
		se of the CONSTRUCTION CLAIM or NSTRUCTION DEFECT CLAIM? If so, for each such		(g)	and state the name, ADDRESS and telephone number of
		tention, identify the name, ADDRESS, and telephone		(9)	the PERSON most knowledgeable regarding the
		nber of each PERSON , and the statute, ordinance, or			negotiations and CONTRACTING for any services
	reg	ulation that was violated.			YOU performed at any SUBJECT PROPERTY.
313	.0	Fraud, Misrepresentation, or Breach of Fiduciary		314	.2 Was there a breach of any agreement alleged in
	Dut	у			PLEADINGS? If so, describe every act or omission
	313	3.1 Describe each CONSTRUCTION CLAIM or			t YOU allege to be a breach of the agreement and give date of each.
Ш		NSTRUCTION DEFECT CLAIM at the SUBJECT		uie	date of each.
	PR	OPERTY that YOU contend someone else knew about		314	, , ,
		did not disclose to YOU at the time of the purchase,			ged in the PLEADINGS ? If so, identify each
		relopment, design, construction, or provision of service supplies to the SUBJECT PROPERTY. For each claim:		agr	eement and state why performance was excused.
		state all facts on which YOU base your response;		314	.4 Was any agreement alleged in the PLEADINGS
	٠,	state the names, ADDRESSES, and telephone		terr	ninated by mutual agreement, release, accord and
		numbers of all PERSONS who have knowledge of			sfaction, or novation? If so, identify each agreement
	(c)	those facts; and identify all DOCUMENTS and other tangible things			ninated, the date of the termination, and the basis of termination.
	(0)	that support YOUR response and state the name,		uic	terrimation.
		ADDRESS, and telephone number of the PERSON		314	, ,
		who has each DOCUMENT or thing.			enforceable? If so, identify each unenforceable eement and state why it is unenforceable.
	313	s.2. Describe each specific concealment and		ayı	eement and state why it is unemorceable.
	mis	representation that YOU claim was concealed from or		314	, ,
		de to YOU in connection with the purchase,			biguous? If so, identify each ambiguous agreement and
		relopment, design, construction, or provision of services supplies to the SUBJECT PROPERTY. For each one:		sta	e why it is ambiguous.
		state all facts on which YOU base YOUR response,		314	.7 Did YOU CONTRACT out any of the work YOU
		including when any concealment occurred and by			e to perform on the SUBJECT PROPERTY to another
		whom and when and how any misrepresentation was			RSON or entity? If so,
	(h)	communicated to YOU and by whom; state the names, ADDRESSES , and telephone		(a)	state the name, ADDRESS, and phone number of the PERSON whom YOU CONTRACTED with;
	(5)	numbers of all PERSONS who have knowledge of		(b)	state if the CONTRACT was oral or in writing; and
	, ,	those facts; and		(c)	describe the terms of the CONTRACT.
	(c)	identify all DOCUMENTS and other tangible things that support YOUR response and state the name,	315	0	[Reserved]
		ADDRESS, and telephone number of the PERSON	316		[Reserved]
		who has each DOCUMENT or thing.	317		[Reserved]
314	0	Contracts			
_			318 319		[Reserved]
	314	5 5	319	.0	[Neserveu]
	(a)	identify each DOCUMENT that is part of the agreement and state the name, ADDRESS , and			
		telephone number of the PERSON who has each			
		DOCUMENT:			

32U		201.9 Did VOII perform any work or augusty any
nee	Homeowners Association or Common Interest Development d not respond to this section.)	321.8 Did YOU perform any work or supply any materials—warranty or otherwise—at the SUBJECT PROPERTY after the certificate of completion on the SUBJECT PROPERTY was issued? If so, state:
	 320.2 Is the SUBJECT PROPERTY your primary residence? If not, describe how often YOU reside and when you last resided at the SUBJECT PROPERTY. 320.3 Have YOU rented or leased the SUBJECT 	 (a) what work was performed, the dates the work was performed, and the ADDRESS; and (b) what materials were supplied, the dates they were supplied, and the delivery ADDRESS
321	PROPERTY to another PERSON? If so, state: (a) the names, ADDRESSES, and last known telephone number of all PERSONS who rented or leased the SUBJECT PROPERTY; (b) all persons who occupied the property under each rental or lease agreement; and (c) the beginning and ending dates of each rental or lease agreement. Scope of Work (Contractors and Subcontractors)	 321.9 Were YOU provided with a copy of any plans, reports, or specifications for the project before performing the work? If so, (a) identify all plans, reports, or specifications; (b) state the date each plan, report, or specification was provided to YOU; and (c) state the names, ADDRESSES, and telephone numbers of all PERSONS who provided YOU with each plan, report or specification.
	321.1 State the name, ADDRESS , telephone number, job title, and job duties of each of YOUR current or former SUPERVISING EMPLOYEES who were involved in the construction or supervision of construction of any improvements to the SUBJECT PROPERTY .	 321.10 Did YOU communicate any objections or requests for changes or modifications to any portion of those plans, reports, or specifications listed above in 321.9 before performing YOUR work at the project? If so, (a) identify each plan, report, or specification that was the subject of the objection or request for change or
	321.2 Describe the scope of work that YOU performed and any materials that YOU supplied at the SUBJECT PROPERTY .	modification; (b) state the names, ADDRESSES, and telephone numbers of all PERSONS to whom YOU communicated YOUR objections or requests for
	321.3 Describe all locations on the SUBJECT PROPERTY where YOU performed work or services (by phase number, unit number, building number or ADDRESS , or common area description).	changes or modifications; and (c) describe the result, if any, of each of YOUR objections or requests for changes or modifications. 321.11 Did YOU rely on any DOCUMENTS or oral
	 321.4 State all dates, including first and last, that YOU: (a) performed work or supervision for or at the SUBJECT PROPERTY; or (b) supplied materials for the SUBJECT PROPERTY. 	instructions other than those identified in your responses to interrogatories 321.5 or 321.9 to complete YOUR work at the project? If so, (a) identify all DOCUMENTS and other tangible things which YOU relied on and state the name, ADDRESS
	321.5 For all CONTRACTS identified in YOUR response to Interrogatory 314.1, including all agreements, change orders, or additional work orders related to such CONTRACTS, do YOU contend that any CONTRACTOR or SUBCONTRACTOR other than YOU performed any portion of work or supplied any portion of materials that YOU contracted to deliver? If so, (a) identify the terms of the CONTRACT under which work was performed; and	and telephone number of the PERSON 0who has each DOCUMENT or thing; and (b) state each oral instruction YOU were given and the name, ADDRESS and telephone number of the PERSON who gave YOU the oral instruction; and (c) state the date when YOU were provided the DOCUMENTS or instruction. 321.12 Did YOU communicate any criticisms (including but not limited to sequencing problems) to any
	(b) identify the terms of the CONTRACT under which materials were supplied.321.6 For all CONTRACTS identified in YOUR	DEVELOPER, DESIGN PROFESSIONAL, CONTRACTOR, SUBCONTRACTOR, or SUPPLIER on the project during construction? If so,
	321.6 For all CONTRACTS identified in YOUR response to Interrogatory 314.1, including all agreements, change orders, or additional work orders related to such CONTRACTS, do YOU contend that YOU performed any work or provided any materials on the SUBJECT PROPERTY that are not listed in the written CONTRACT?	 (a) state all criticisms and the dates they arose; (b) state the name, ADDRESS, telephone number, and job title of every PERSON to whom YOU communicated your criticism; and (c) describe any resolutions of the issue.
	If so: (a) identify the work performed; and (b) identify the materials provided. 321.7 Did YOU issue any warranty for work performed or materials supplied on the SUBJECT PROPERTY? If so, state: (a) what the warranty covered; and (b) the dates it was in effect.	321.13 During the time that YOU performed any work at the SUBJECT PROPERTY, did YOU contract with any unlicensed SUBCONTRACTOR or DESIGN PROFESSIONAL to perform work at the SUBJECT PROPERTY? If so, (a) identify each such PERSON or entity by name, ADDRESS, and telephone number; and (b) describe the type of work you had each such PERSON perform.

322.0	Design Professionals (Architects/Engineers)		(e)	any test reports or certifications by date; and the name, ADDRESS , and telephone number of the
(b) (c)	2.1 Did YOU or any of your employees design any tion of the SUBJECT PROPERTY or project which is subject matter of this litigation? If so, state: who retained YOU to perform design work on the project or SUBJECT PROPERTY; the dates of YOUR retention or CONTRACT; what portion or portions of the SUBJECT PROPERTY or project YOU designed; what Building Code provisions applied to YOUR design for the SUBJECT PROPERTY or project;		323. (a) (b) (c) (d)	facility where the product was manufactured. 3 For each PRODUCT identified above, state: what quality control systems were in place at each manufacturing site listed in response to interrogatory 323.2(e); when the quality control system was established; the criteria used for the quality control system; and the names, ADDRESSES, and job titles of all PERSONS who have been in charge of the quality control system over the last 10 years.
	what applicable design parameters YOU relied on in generating YOUR design for the SUBJECT PROPERTY or project;		323.	4 How and where was each PRODUCT identified ve stored until shipped?
(g)	who approved your design for the SUBJECT PROPERTY or project; the date(s) of approval of your design for the SUBJECT PROPERTY or project; and the names of all SUPERVISING EMPLOYEES, past or present who participated in the design of the SUBJECT PROPERTY or project.		ship (a) (b)	5 How was each PRODUCT identified above ped? For each, identify: the method of shipment; where was it shipped; and who accepted delivery of it and when.
ide (a)			so: (a) (b)	6 Do YOU have a customer service department? If state the name, ADDRESS, telephone number, and job title of the PERSON in charge; and describe any complaints received concerning any PRODUCT identified above and how they were handled.
	the reason for YOUR revisions or amendments to YOUR original design for the subject project or SUBJECT PROPERTY;			ve? If so, what are the terms of the warranty?
	who approved any revisions or amendments to YOUR original design; and the dates of approval of any revisions or amendments to YOUR original design.		323.	nis project? 9 Are there any brochures, advertisements, or
(a) (b)	2.3 Did YOU perform any on-site services at the BJECT PROPERTY? If so, state: the dates on which YOU visited the SUBJECT PROPERTY to perform services; what the services were; and the portions of construction YOU observed;		323. man iden (a)	s materials for any PRODUCT identified above? 10 Are there any installation instructions or ufacturer recommendations for any PRODUCT tified above? If so, state: the name, ADDRESS , telephone number, and job title of the PERSON who wrote them;
sta (a) (b)	ended design at the SUBJECT PROPERTY? If so, te; the nature of the deviation and date YOU observed it; whether YOU reported any deviation from the intended design;	324	(c)	all changes or modifications to them, and the dates the changes or modifications were made; and the name, ADDRESS, telephone number, and job title of the PERSON to whom the changes or modifications were provided. Denials and Special or Affirmative Defenses
(d)	to whom YOU reported the deviation and when; and whether any corrective actions were taken with respect to any observed deviation. Manufacturing Subcontractors		and	n special or affirmative defense in your PLEADINGS , for each:
ver oth 323 pre (a) (b)	nufactured, list the product or series, prior or later sions of it, and describe what changes (design or erwise) have been made to it over its lifespan.		(b)	state all facts on which YOU base the denial or special affirmative defense; state the names, ADDRESSES, and telephone numbers of all PERSONS who have knowledge of those facts; and identify all DOCUMENTS and other tangible things that support YOUR denial or special or affirmative defense, and state the name, ADDRESS, and telephone number of the PERSON who has each DOCUMENT.

325	5.0 Defendant's Contentions	(c) state the names, ADDRESSES , and telephone
	325.1 Do YOU contend that any PERSON , other than	numbers of all PERSONS who have knowledge of the facts; and
	YOU or the plaintiff, contributed to the occurrence of the	(d) identify all DOCUMENTS and other tangible things
	CONSTRUCTION CLAIM or the CONSTRUCTION	that support your contention and state the name,
	DEFECT CLAIM or the damages claimed by the plaintiff?	ADDRESS, and telephone number of the PERSON
	If so:	who has each DOCUMENT or thing.
	(a) state the name, ADDRESS , and telephone number of	
	each PERSON who contributed to	325.4 Do YOU contend that any of the costs of repairing
	(b) state all facts on which you base your contention;	the property damage claimed by plaintiff in discovery
	(c) state the names, ADDRESSES , and telephone	proceedings thus far in this case were unreasonable? If
(d	numbers of all PERSONS who have knowledge of the	SO:
	facts; and (d) identify all DOCUMENTS and other tengible things	(a) identify each cost item;
	(d) identify all DOCUMENTS and other tangible things that support your contention and state the name,	(b) state all facts on which YOU base your contention;(c) state the names, ADDRESSES, and telephone
	ADDRESS, and telephone number of the PERSON	numbers of all PERSONS who have knowledge of the
	who has each DOCUMENT or thing.	facts; and
	who has each bocomicit of thing.	(d) identify all DOCUMENTS and other tangible things
	325.2 Do YOU contend that plaintiff did not incur	that support YOUR contention and state the name,
ш	damages arising from the facts on which the	ADDRESS, and telephone number of the PERSON
	CONSTRUCTION CLAIM or the CONSTRUCTION	who has each DOCUMENT or thing.
	DEFECT CLAIM is based? If so:	mo nao saon 2000m <u>a</u> ni or umigi
	(a) state all facts on which you base your contention;	326.0 Responses to Request for Admissions
	(b) state the names, ADDRESSES, and telephone	•
	numbers of all PERSONS who have knowledge of the	☐ 326.1 Is YOUR response to each request for admission
	facts; and	served with these interrogatories an unqualified
	(c) identify all DOCUMENTS and other tangible things	admission? If not, for each response that is not an
	that support your contention and state the name,	unqualified admission:
	ADDRESS, and telephone number of the PERSON	(a) state the number of the request;
	who has each DOCUMENT or thing.	(b) state all facts on which YOU base your response;
_		(c) state the names, ADDRESSES , and telephone
	325.3 Do YOU contend that any of the property damage	numbers of all PERSONS who have knowledge of
	claimed by plaintiff in discovery proceedings thus far in	those facts; and
	this case was not caused by the CONSTRUCTION CLAIM	(d) identify all DOCUMENTS and other tangible things
	or the CONSTRUCTION DEFECT CLAIM? If so:	that support YOUR response, and state the name,
	(a) identify each item of property damage;	ADDRESS, and telephone number of the PERSON
	(b) state all facts on which you base YOUR contention;	who has each DOCUMENT or thing.
Dat	IE:	
(TYP	PE OR PRINT NAME OF $\ \square$ ATTORNEY $\ \square$ PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY)	(SIGNATURE)