If You Build It, They Will Sue: A White Paper on Condominium Projects

Peter Stacy and Trevor Resurreccion are the authors of an updated white paper on condominium projects which was recently published by the AIA Trust. The paper discusses the implications of the 2014 case of Beacon Residential Community Association v. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP, et al., in which the California Supreme Court held that an architect owes a duty of care to future homeowners where the architect is a "principal architect" on the project. The paper is written to help architects understand their potential liability to clients and third parties on condominium projects as well as offer guidance on how to prospectively address the concerns highlighted by many lawsuits in which architects have been sued by third parties. Architects will gain a better understanding of how to assess the owner client, important contract provisions, and insurance issues so they can better assess and address their risks on condominium projects. The White Paper is available at: www.theaiatrust.com/whitepapers/condos/

AIA Trust White Paper: Disability, Accessibility & Liability: What an Architect Should Know

Jean Weil and Anthony Platt are the authors of the recent AIA Trust White Paper entitled Disability, Accessibility & Liability: What an Architect Should Know, which explores the pitfalls and preventative measures that architects should keep in mind to avoid lawsuits as related to projects governed by the ADA and FHA. The White Paper is available at: www.theaiatrust.com/whitepapers/ada/