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**NEWMAYER & DILLION ATTORNEY TO ADDRESS TRENDS IN SB 800  
'RIGHT TO REPAIR' CLAIMS AT PCBC JUNE 19**

SAN FRANCISCO — An already beleaguered residential construction industry is also experiencing an influx of new construction-defect claims under California's landmark SB 800 "right-to-repair" act, which went into effect Jan. 1, 2003, with the intent of reducing lawsuits. How can stressed builders most effectively handle these claims and ensure that their rights are maintained, while also meeting the spirit of the legislation?

At PCBC® 2009 here next week, [Jan Gruen](#), managing partner of the Walnut Creek office of statewide law firm Newmeyer & Dillion LLP, will participate in a workshop on "[SB 800—Updates and Advanced Techniques for Claims Handling](#)" to address various aspects of the law and claims process.

Presented by the California Homebuilding Foundation, the session will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, June 19, at Moscone Center.

"With voluminous SB 800 claims facing the industry and many more homes now eligible, this program will focus on identifying trends and offering solutions to the most pressing issues," said Gruen.

Among the topics are trends that reflect the usefulness and limitations of SB 800, its impact on reducing litigation, offensive tactics employed by homeowner attorneys to avoid SB 800, and ambiguities in the law impacting on the handling of SB 800 matters. Builders will also learn about better practices at the customer-service level and during the handling of SB 800 claims to avoid litigation and get the home fixed.

"It is important for builders to be kept abreast of how handling SB 800 and other construction-defect issues impact risk and affect the bottom line," Gruen said.

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PCBC, the largest regional builders' show in the nation, is presented each year by the California Building Industry Assn. For information, visit [www.pcbc.com](http://www.pcbc.com). Workshop registration is available at [mychf.org](http://mychf.org).

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