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**NEWMEYER & DILLION PARTNER TO PARTICIPATE IN OVERVIEW OF
CONSTRUCTION DEFECT LITIGATION FOR BROOKINGS JUDICIAL
SYMPOSIUM**

Fourth Annual Event Takes Place March 2-4 in Orange

ORANGE, Calif. — Construction defect litigation around the country and, in particular, in the western United States, continues to pose a significant challenge to homebuilders, according to John O’Hara, partner in Newport Beach-based business and real estate law firm Newmeyer & Dillion LLP.

O’Hara will participate in a symposium next Monday sponsored by the Brookings Institution, a nonprofit public policy organization based in Washington, D.C., in which several prominent people in the construction defect arena will address judges from around the country. The Fourth Annual Judicial Symposium on Critical Issues in Construction Defect Litigation will be held at Chapman University School of Law in Orange, Calif., March 2-4, 2008.

Offering the perspective of a firm that literally pioneered the field of homebuilder defense, O’Hara will address issues such as alternative dispute resolution provisions, the law of indemnity and additional insured rights.

The symposium will tackle many issues of interest to judges handling these cases, including judicial management of complex litigation, the nuts and bolts of construction, the role of expert witnesses, how insurance fits into the picture, alternative dispute resolution and right-to-repair statutes.

Now in its 23rd year and with a second office in Walnut Creek, Newmeyer & Dillion LLP employs more than 50 lawyers providing litigation and transactional services in a wide range of business, real estate and financial services matters. For additional information, contact Mark Himmelstein at (949) 854-7000, or visit www.ndlf.com.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. O'Hara is available for interviews; however there is no media or public access available at the event.