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### **BUILDERS TO LEARN HOW TO 'STACK THE DECK' AGAINST HIGH-RISE RISK**

#### **Newmeyer & Dillion Partner to Moderate Risk-Reduction Panel at PCBC® June 21**

SAN FRANCISCO — Demand for homes in attractive markets remains strong, while raw land for home construction is scarce. To satisfy the market, savvy builders look to mid- and high-rise projects – which often carry risks and insurance issues that vary from traditional residential construction.

At the upcoming PCBC® 2006 here next week, a panel of experts, including Greg Dillion, co-founding partner of one of California's most prominent builder-defense law firms, Newmeyer & Dillion LLP, will discuss the risks and challenges of this hot topic and how attendees can gain profitable solutions.

Scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 2006, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Moscone Center, the program is entitled: *"Stacking the Deck: Reducing the Risks of Mid- & High-Rise Residential."*

Joining Dillion on the panel will be: David Jacobson, senior vice president, Regis Homes, among the West Coast's largest builders; Don Neff, construction risk management expert and president of La Jolla Pacific, Ltd.; and Suzanne Xiros, executive vice president of insurer AON Risk Services.

Speakers will address such issues as how to evaluate and solve immediate and long-term risks for mid- and high-rise projects; various legal concerns surrounding these projects, including potential claims and how to avoid them; and the types of insurance products now available and how to weigh coverage issues.

“Based on soaring demand, many builders are contemplating entering the market for mid- and high-rise condominium product but may lack relevant experience with this type of construction,” said Dillion. “In order to avoid future litigation or repair problems, it is vital to understand the most common areas of risk and how they can be successfully mitigated.”

PCBC, the largest regional homebuilding trade show and conference in the nation, is presented each year by the California Building Industry Assn. For information, please visit [www.pcbc.com](http://www.pcbc.com).

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