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Legal information you need:

It's your home, not a cash machine for a bad contractor!

WHEN DO YOU NEED AN ATTORNEY?

Make your construction project a success. Be sure to do your homework before you sign a contract and that your contract covers:

Identify & Investigate Terms

Work (Scope)

Obstacles and Orders

Rights and Remedies

Keep Records

Substantial Completion

It's the contractor's form. Who is protecting your interests? Consider having your contract reviewed by an attorney who knows home construction and remodeling before you sign.

When a contractor files a lien, don't panic. It's merely a preliminary step. It must be followed by a legal action before anyone can try to take your home. Contact an attorney.

When you are served a legal documents regarding your construction project (whether by a sheriff, process server or through the mail), Contact an attorney.

Before you terminate a construction contract, you want to be sure to terminate it properly without further liability and have your rights and remedies protected. The last thing you want is to have an incomplete or failed project and still owe the contractor money. Contact an attorney.

If you find out that you have an unlicensed contractor who is performing work which requires a state license, Contact an attorney.

If you find out that your contractor has not obtained required building permits or inspections or has failed to comply with building codes or other laws, Contact an attorney.

If a contractor threatens to file a criminal complaint against you unless you pay, Contact an attorney.

It is often better to hire an attorney early before you sign a contract or, if you have already signed, when you have questions or a potential dispute problem. Because of the dollars involved, litigation is often not the best solution. Reaching an economical and efficient settlement requires you know your risks, rights and remedies. Be informed. Be knowledgeable.

Need more legal information on construction and remodeling? Not sure that the FTC 3 day Cooling Off rule applies to allow you to cancel a home improvement contract signed in your home?

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Penny Wise, Pound Foolish? Hiring an attorney who knows construction and remodeling can save a lot of money. Spending a little money for a consultation can save thousands of dollars in lawsuits and fixing a construction nightmare with

little chance of recovery. Many attorneys will offer a brief 15 minute consultation to determine if there is something they can help you with. Use that time to find out what an attorney can do to help you.

For example, a review of a remodeling contract may only take 1-2 hours for smaller jobs. In most situations, other than litigation, an attorney can work on a reasonable budget.

Before your walls fall, make that call!

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