

Termite Control Company Liability – Termite Damage Insurance Claims – Claims Against Sellers of Termite Damaged Property

For Immediate Release

For additional information contact: Peter Cardillo pete@cardillolawgroup.com CARDILLO LAW FIRM 2707 W. Azeele St., Suite 100 Tampa, FL 33609 (813) 801-9050 www.cardillolaw.com

<u>Cardillo Law Helps Oaks III Condominium Reach Termite Settlement</u> <u>with Exterminator</u>

\$750,000 settlement for termite contract inconsistencies and failure to inspect, treat and repair the property helps condominium recover from termite damage.

Tampa, FL. (July, 2011) – The Oaks III Condominium Association located in Tampa, FL has reached a settlement for \$750,000 with Arrow Exterminators, Inc. d/b/a Hughes-All Pro Exterminators. The settlement results from a lawsuit filed by Cardillo Law Firm on behalf of The Oaks that alleged breach of contract and violation of the Structural Pest Control Act, a Florida law that protects consumers. The settlement primarily covers repair costs. Cardillo was able to show that damages resulted from the exterminator's failure to properly treat and repair the resulting damage as required by the contract. The condominium association spent \$1.1 million to fix termite damage so severe that the building authorities were threatening condemnation.

"This is a simple case where the exterminator failed to perform and then honor their pest control agreement until severe damage was done to the property," stated The Oaks III attorney, <u>Pete Cardillo</u> who focuses his practice on termite litigation. The allegations also included violation of Florida State law that requires any statement disclaiming an expressed or implied guarantee or warranty must appear in conspicuous type on the face of the (termite) contract. "In this case, the exterminator and its representatives repeatedly

disclaimed its contractual obligations by invoking various disclaimer statements that were illegally buried on the back of the contract agreement," stated Cardillo. This is the 2nd settlement in the Oaks case. At the end of last year, the Association reached a confidential settlement with its insurance carrier, Allstate, four days before a federal trial.

About Cardillo Law Firm: Cardillo Law Firm is a Tampa, Florida based plaintiff's practice focused on representing residential and commercial clients throughout the State of Florida, who have experienced termite damage as a result of faulty exterminator treatment. This includes cases involving termite control company liability, termite damage insurance claims and claims against sellers of termite damaged property. www.cardillolaw.com