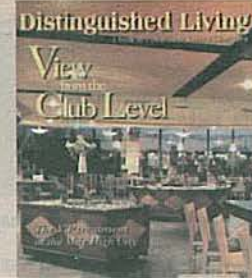


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Courtroom calculations

While a Rocky Flats settlement for \$554 million in 2006 was the largest lawsuit ever resolved in Colorado, there were plenty of other high-dollar cases on the dockets last year involving Colorado companies.

Read about these 10 settlements from the past year and see who walked away with the big awards.

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(8) \$3.6 million
Case: Heritage Village Owners Association Inc. vs. Golden Heritage Investors Ltd.

Court: Jefferson County Court
Date announced: October 2006
Lead plaintiff lawyers: Jesse Witt, Doug Benson and Jeff Kerrane of then-Burdman & Benson, now Benson & Company in Arvada; and Joe Oliva of Oliva & Associates in San Diego.
Lead defense lawyers: Laurence McEffe and Jane Young at McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter in Denver, and Chris Kenra and Bruce Meckler at Meckler, Burger & Tilson in Chicago.

After almost a decade of fighting for home repair money, owners at Heritage Village townhome complex in Golden got more than \$3.6 million last fall.

A Jefferson County jury found the complex's builders negligent, and awarded the 63 homeowners the money to repair things such as shingles and vinyl siding that blew off in wind storms, and concrete basements and

driveways that cracked.

Homeowners may get more than \$12 million, because the jury also found the builders committed deceptive trade practices under Colorado's Consumer Protection Act.

Homeowners also found out their decks were made of lower-grade fir after being promised California redwood.

At one point in the litigation, Zurich Insurance, the insurance company for the builder, sued both the homeowner's association and the builder in federal court, said Jesse Witt, who represented the homeowners.

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