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The Rise of Transit Oriented Development

By: Jeff Margolis

Millennials have now overtaken baby boomers as America's largest generation, and developers must cater to this segment's desire for convenience, connectivity and access to the urban core. As density of downtowns grow, mixed use development will emerge in suburban neighborhoods that may be farther out from the city center, but still enjoy the proximity to public transit. Referred to as transit-oriented development, this is a growing trend in creating vibrant, livable and sustainable communities.
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By: Jeff Wertman

Renovation is underway again on Florida's construction defect law, Chapter 558 of the Florida Statutes. Florida's construction defect law requires the owner of real property in Florida to provide contractors, developers and other construction parties with a formal written notice of potential construction defects and the reasonable opportunity to fix the defects before a construction defect lawsuit is filed.
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Drones Are in the Air and "Should Also Be on Associations' Agendas"

By: Jeff Margolis

Drones may be put to use for a variety of purposes including recreational use, videography and photography, inspection of facilities, and safety purposes. In the near future it is likely that drones will be widely used in commercial ventures including delivery of packages to individual residences. There are so many potential uses for drones that one might say "the sky's the limit". And the use of drones raises novel legal issues that developers and associations should consider and plan for.
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