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- Dispute involving claim by buyer of single family residence against her real estate broker for allegedly failing to discover and disclose material defects that affected the value of the property, which would have been discovered based upon a competent and diligent inspection of the property by the broker. Issues included whether the broker fell below the standard of care, the correct measure of damages, and the cost to repair the defects.
- Dispute involving legal malpractice claim by client against real estate attorney who drafted 130page commercial lease for space in office tower that allegedly failed to include correct total
 "rentable square feet" that caused client to incur significantly more rent than if lease had been
 properly drafted. Issues include standard of care and measure of damages.
- Dispute involving malpractice claim against dentist for insertion of dental implants in patient that were allegedly improperly fitted requiring surgical removal and replacement. Issues included whether dentist fell below the standard of care and recoverable damages.
- Dispute involving claim brought by lender against escrow officer for malpractice in failing to insure correct legal descriptions were included in documents that she prepared and had singed as part of loan transaction that later prevented lender from foreclosing on real property security after borrow defaulted on loan. Issues included standard of care and calculation of damages.
- Dispute involving malpractice claim by elderly client against investment advisor for making allegedly inappropriate investments for plaintiff in light of her age. Issues included whether the defendant fell below the standard of care and the measure and amount of damages.
- Dispute involving malpractice claim brought by lender against appraiser for malpractice in failing
 to correctly appraise real property security in loan transaction where buyer ultimately defaulted,
 lender foreclosed, and value of real property security was significantly less than loan balance and
 appraised value of real property security.
- Dispute involving malpractice claim brought by church against architect for improperly drawn
 plans and specifications that led to a myriad of costs beyond initial estimate given such as
 windows and doors that did not fit, HVAC that was inadequate in peak heat conditions, and water
 intrusion problems. Issues included whether defendant fell below the standard of care, cost of
 repair, and other recoverable damages.

- Dispute involving malpractice claim against veterinarian by pet owner for over-treating pet with incurable cancer, causing pet (and owner) to suffer unnecessarily, and charging inordinate fees.
- Dispute involving malpractice claim by owner of apartment building against property manager hired to manage property. The property manager allegedly failed to properly market and rent the units, collect all rents, allowed property to suffer waste, and then failed to competently manage repairs resulting in exorbitant repair costs.
- Dispute involving claim for malpractice against licensed pest control operator for misapplication
 of insecticide that allegedly made home uninhabitable for plaintiffs' (husband and wife) four
 young children. Issues involved whether defendant fell below the standard of care and the
 correct measure and calculation of damages.