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Lawsuit Filed against Contractors on Behalf of injured worker.

CHICAGO – Steven M. Levin and John M. Rushing of the Chicago law firm, Levin & Perconti, recently filed a lawsuit in the Circuit Court of Cook County against Concept Design Corporation (St. Charles, Northbrook), Custom Roofing Contracting (Buffalo Grove), David T. Goldman (Glencoe), Massey Hoffman Architects, Inc. (Chicago), and Total Builders and Remodeling (Inverness) on behalf of 34-year old Ismael Ramirez (Chicago) who was injured while working on a job site. Mr. Ramirez alleges that on September 27, 2006, Concept Design hired his employer, Ron's Temporary Services (Chicago, Boling Brook), to provide three workers to remove scrap wood and sweep up sawdust and other debris at a single family home located in Glencoe, Illinois.

Attorney Steven M. Levin explained what happened to Mr. Ramirez once he began performing the clean up: “While performing the clean-up on the second floor of the construction site, Mr. Ramirez picked up a 4' x 8' piece of plywood that, unknown to him, was being used to cover a 3' x 4' chimney stack hole. Ismael fell through the hole in the floor, landed on his feet and fell to his side, striking his right arm on the fireplace

platform.”

Mr. Levin explained what happened next, “Mr. Ramirez was subsequently admitted to Evanston Hospital where he underwent ankle and hip surgery. He also sustained severe injuries to his right thigh and injured his back. He is currently experiencing pain while sitting, standing and walking and must use a cane to walk.”

Attorney John Rushing commented, “The Defendants failed to provide a safe working environment for Mr. Ramirez. They failed to secure a cover to the second floor chimney stack opening, and they failed to warn Ismael Ramirez of this dangerous condition. Simple precautions, such as a protective barrier, a guard rail around the opening, or a few nails securing the cover over the opening would have prevented this tragic accident . As a result of the Defendants' careless disregard for workers' safety, Ismael Ramirez has suffered serious injuries to his ankle and hip and lives in constant pain.”

Steve Levin concluded, “As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants’ actions, Ismael suffered tremendous pain and will have to live with permanent pain and disabilities.”