

Construction Site Injury

Fall in An Elevator Shaft

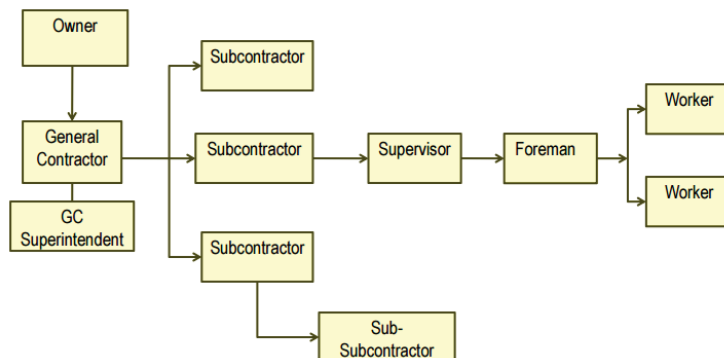
The Problem

A workman was removing scaffolding in an elevator shaft, he fell 3-floors and sustained traumatic injury and permanent disabilities, so the claim was large. The project was new construction of a four story 450-unit apartment community. The workman was an employee of a scaffolding specialty contractor, working as a sub-sub contractor to the plastering contractor, who had a contract with the general contractor, who had a contract with the developer/owner.

PFCS was hired by the attorneys for the general contractor as a consultant and expert witness to analyze all available project information and to testify regarding the standard of care for a general contractor on a multi-employer worksite.

The Solution

PFCS analyzed the incident (construction site accident) using contemporary written documentation as well as testimony from numerous witnesses. We analyzed the contract documents and the applicable standards for safety on construction sites (multi-employer worksites). We composed a report which included: (1.) responding to each of the allegations in the complaint; (2.) drawing 5 top-level conclusions that were each supported by 5-20 supporting points drawn from underlying project data and industry standards; (3.) composed a 61 slide trial presentation of our analysis and findings that included step-by-step detailed contract and OSHA standards analysis, including what we call a “Contracting 101 - Roles & Responsibilities Analysis.” After our work was delivered in sworn deposition testimony, the matter was settled favorably.



This is a diagram from our trial presentation “Contracting 101 - Roles & Responsibilities Analysis.”



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