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**Moderator:** Shawn Macomber

**Guest Speaker:** Dee Giordano



Dee is originally from NJ and is a graduate of Rutgers University with a degree in Accounting.

She was a regional controller for Better Minerals & Aggregates, a national sand mining company until 1996 when she relocated to SC and became the Controller for a telecommunications company called American Telesis.

Upon her retirement Dee moved to Sun City Center, FL, a 55+ senior community where she now resides.

She continues to work part time preparing taxes and volunteers with AARP to prepare returns for members of her community. She is the president of her homeowner's association and treasurer for "SammyRides", a project consisting of 5 senior bike riders who will be making a 2400 mile ride across the southern tier of the United States in 2011 to raise public awareness and funds for research and support of families whose children are going through cancer treatment.

Dee is also a member of a volunteer group called CDCG (Contaminated Drywall Coordinating Group) set up in her community to assist homeowners who have been affected by this crisis.

## **Panel 1: Inspection, types of inspection, tools (XRF) markings, techniques**



**Howard Ehram**  
EI, CDP, LEED AP  
Chinese Drywall Screening, LLC

Howard Ehram is the sole founder of Chinese Drywall Screening, LLC. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida in Civil Engineering. He worked for a large general contracting company in Central Florida for 8 years before moving to Port St Lucie in

2003 to start a new career in commercial development. From 2003 to 2009, Howard managed commercial development projects for a master planned community developer. Howard's certifications and licenses include Engineering Intern, Certified General Contractor, LEED AP and ICSC's CDP.

Howard Ehram and his team of inspectors have done close to 2,000 inspections as of June 2010 and the number grows daily in single family and multifamily residences, commercial and medical offices, warehouses and retail establishments. His team consists of individuals certified in various programs for reactive corrosive drywall inspection and remediation processes. In addition, he sits on the ASTM drywall committee and has spoken at many conferences, symposiums and luncheons on corrosive drywall.

Howard has recently produced in cooperation with InterNACHI and NACHI.TV a training video to teach home and property inspectors and other professionals on how to visually inspect for Chinese or corrosive drywall.



**Jack Frost**  
Drywall Science

Mr. Frost has an extensive background in business and executive management. After receiving his BS in Chemistry and serving in the US Army during Vietnam.

Mr. Frost started in medical electronics with Del Mar engineering in Irvine, California. He left the position of General Sales Manager to form AdvanceMed, Corporation, which was later sold to American Edwards. Mr. Frost has created 6 additional start-up companies that have been successfully taken public in the USA and abroad, merged or sold.

In 1976, he formed a partnership in Columbia, Maryland with Oxford Instruments, a UK based company, to bring their medical products into the USA.

In 1979 Mr. Frost sold his interest in the USA operation to Oxford Instruments, and moved to the UK as a shareholder, Executive Board Director of Oxford



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Instruments and President/CEO of the worldwide Medical Division. He was instrumental in taking the company public in 1984 on the London Stock Exchange. Oxford invented and patented super conducting magnet techniques and was the largest supplier of super conducting magnets for MRI systems in the world.

Mr. Frost left as CEO of the Medical Division in 1997 and became President of Oxford Instruments, Inc. in the USA. He retired from Oxford this year and has started two companies in the construction industry.

## **Daniel Reid**

Intuitive Environmental Solutions, Inc.

Indoor Hygienist, Mycologist,  
Council Certified Microbial Consultant (CMC) –  
Awarded by the American Council for Accredited  
Certification (ACAC),

State of Florida DBPR Licensed Mold Assessor –  
MRSA #25

Member: Indoor Air Quality Association (IAQA),  
US Green Building Council (USGBC)

Mr. Reid has been in the environmental consulting field for over 20 years involved various aspects including hazardous waste remediation, geotechnical, indoor air quality, microbial contamination and defective Chinese drywall. He started in the defective drywall arena in August of 2008 and has identified the defective drywall in over 300 homes for numerous homeowners and legal entities in SW Florida.

In addition, over the years Mr. Reid has been responsible for the implementation, success, and granting of site clearance of site-specific microbial remediation protocols. Establish final abatement clearance criteria incorporating various viable and non-viable sampling techniques for fungal and bacterial organisms. Viable and non-viable field sampling for air (Anderson impactor, spore trap) and surface (swab, tape) samples. Microbial laboratory manager responsible for the incubation, culturing, species identification, and quantification of viable air, surface

and bulk samples of internal and outside client microbial samples. Non-viable air (Air-O-Cell, Micro 5, and Burkard) and surface (tape lift) sample analysis. Field sampling incorporating a microscope for on-site evaluation of non-viable fungal samples to implement quick diagnosis and on-site abatement clearance.

Indoor air quality studies pertaining to Sick Building Syndrome and Building Related Illness in various residential government, hospital, school, and commercial office buildings. Served as an expert witness in various court cases. Performed over six hundred Phase I Environmental Site Assessments of industrial sites, commercial properties, and land parcels, as part of commercial lending requirements using current ASTM protocols. Performed over one hundred Phase II and Phase III site evaluations and remediations including underground storage tank inspections and removals, magnetometer investigations, borehole/test pit investigations, groundwater monitor well installations, and sampling/analytical evaluation, along with the sampling of building materials to determine asbestos, lead, and microbial content.

Education: State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, NY, August 1980 – Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry Biology,

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, August 1980 – Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology

Experience: Intuitive Environmental Solutions, LLC, Fort Myers, Florida: “Owner / Indoor Hygienist / Mycologist”: Scientific based environmental consulting company engaged in Chinese Drywall investigations for various legal entities. Other investigations include; microbial and indoor air/environmental quality along with microbial remediation oversight to service the residential and commercial interests of Southwest Florida. Building science and allergen/asthma trigger source investigations. {2007 -Present}

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## Panel 2: Chemical and scientific analysis of the problem and issues



**Dennis Rose**  
Total Wall, Inc.

Dennis holds a BS in Chemistry from Delaware Valley College and an MBA from Rider University. He also completed coursework in a Graduate Teacher Certification program and additional graduate courses in counseling psychology from Rider University. Dennis holds an honorable discharge from the US Air Force and was awarded the Vietnam service medal. He later served as a munitions safety inspector for the Air National Guard. Dennis has worked as a corrosion engineer for Betz Laboratories for 8 years, where he obtained two patents related to corrosion control. In 1985-1986, Dennis worked with the Federal EPA in Research Triangle Park testing coatings for use in Radon abatement. He has also worked in the building materials industry for 30 years, holding technical positions with several of the largest EIFS and stucco manufacturers. His responsibilities included product development, technical support, code compliance, specification development and quality control. He has had several articles published relating to corrosion control, stucco and EIFS (Exterior Insulated and Finish Systems).

For the past 16 years, Dennis has been the Technical Director for Total Wall, Inc., an EIFS and stucco manufacturer. He is also the owner of D. L. Rose and Associates, LLC, a technical consulting firm for the construction industry.

Dennis is the Chairman of the Education Committee for The Exterior Design Institute (EDI), a training organization for applicators and inspectors of building envelope components, where he has also been an instructor since 1998. He is currently a member of the ASTM C11 sub-committee work group on Problem Drywall.

Dennis routinely gives building construction related presentations to architectural firms, building inspectors, applicator groups and various home inspector member organizations.

Dennis holds the following industry training and certifications:

- EDI Moisture Analyst
- EDI 3rd Party Inspector
- AWCI Certified EIFS Mechanic
- IAQA/AWCI Mold Loss Prevention Specialist
- MoistureFree Warranty Inspector Certified
- NAHB EIFS Remediation trained
- Structural and Contemporary Masonry trained (Middlesex County College)
- EDI Toxic Drywall Identification Certified

### **Ed Light, CIH** Building Dynamics, LLC

A Senior Fellow of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, Ed has specialized in the investigation and control of Indoor Air Quality concerns for thirty years.. His undergraduate studies were at the University of Massachusetts and he holds a Master's Degree in Environmental Science from Marshall University.

While with, the West Virginia Department of Health, he developed pioneering protocols for the assessment of formaldehyde emissions, pesticide contamination and the resolution of IAQ complaints.

His consulting group, Building Dynamics, provides industrial hygiene and HVAC engineering services throughout the U.S. Notable projects have included IAQ assessments of the White House, South Pole Station and buildings impacted by 9/11. In his other life, Ed is first chair banjoist with the All New Genetically Altered Jug Band.



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## Panel 3: Health effects from defective or corrosive drywall



**Barbara Ann Manis, M.D.**

Building Health Sciences, Inc.  
National Medical Advisory Group  
(NMAS)

Barbara A. Manis, M.D., chief medical officer of Building Health Sciences, Inc., received her B.A. and M.A. from Temple University and her M.D. degree from the University of Southern California School of Medicine. Her internship and residency were at the George Washington University Medical Center, in Washington, DC.

Since 1980, Dr. Manis has reviewed and analyzed hundreds of indoor environmental matters to determine the relationship of the environment to health complaints or diagnoses. For the past twenty years, she has specialized in environmental medicine dealing with commercial and residential IEAQ, building exposure issues and health hazard evaluation for residents, occupants and workers. She has spoken at national meetings and symposia on issues related to indoor air, toxic exposures and adverse health effects. Board certified in Quality Assurance and Utilization Review, she has directed large scale workers' compensation programs, regulatory consulting, risk communication and product risk assessment. As the Acting Medical Director for the city of Philadelphia, Dr. Manis oversaw its workers' compensation claims, return-to-work, and medical pension fund.

Dr. Manis has been involved in the contaminated drywall issue since 2008. This has included both toxicological and human health investigations. Working with toxicologists and industrial hygienists at Building Health Sciences, she has conferred with and closely followed the US governmental researchers, as well as interacted directly with the Fraunhofer Institute investigators. As part of a collaborative effort with the National Association of Home Builders, she has evaluated a series of contaminated drywall corrective protocols and methodologies promoted by various organizations and private companies. In a separate effort, she is collaborating with physicians who are evaluating corrosive drywall-exposed individuals, as

well as conducting an investigation of exposure-related health complaints.

**Dr. Howard Weiner, MD, MPH, CIME, BCFE**  
Allergy and Asthma Associates of West Boca, P.A.; physician. Medical Assessment Institute; medical director.

Dr. Weiner is a Sole practitioner and consultant specializing in Allergy & Clinical Immunology and Occupational & Environmental Medicine. Dr. Weiner's faculty appointments include Boca Raton Community Hospital, attending staff; West Boca Medical Center, consulting staff; and Hospital for the University of Pennsylvania where he was a former Clinical Associate Professor. Dr. Weiner has received many awards, honors, and memberships in various honorary societies. He also holds memberships in several professional and scientific societies: American Academy of Allergy and Immunology, American College of Forensic Examiners, American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, and the American Medical Association to name only a few.

**Consultant:** Expert Medical Advisor, Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security, Division of Workers Compensation Rehabilitation and Medical Services Unit. Record reviews, Independent Medical Evaluations, and expert witnessing in environmental exposure issues for insurance companies, attorneys representing defendants and plaintiffs, municipalities, and at least 50 companies including International Business Machines, Corp., Motorola, Inc., Bell South, Orkin Exterminating Company, Inc., and the like.

**Lectures:** Lectures given to physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and pharmacists; to corporations, insurance companies, and the public. Topics discussed have included allergic rhinitis, bronchial asthma, urticaria, drug allergies, food sensitivities, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Sick Building Syndrome, Building Related Illness, pesticide exposure, solvent neurotoxicity, and controversial environmental issues.

**Articles:** Dr. Weiner has authored articles for the Camden County Medical Society Bulletin, Annals of Allergy, and the Internal Journal of Psychosomatics.



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## **Panel 4: Remediation, different protocols, partial remediation, clearance testing**

### **Doug Hoffman**

National Organization of Remediators and Mold Inspectors (NORMI)

- State Certified Class "A" General Contractor
  - State Certified Master Plumbing Contractor
  - State Certified Roofing Contractor
  - Hillsborough County Licensed Indoor Air Quality Consultant
  - Author of "Mold-Free Construction™"
  - Member of Advisory Board for National Indoor Air Quality Institute
  - NIAQI Certified IAQ/Mold Inspector
  - NIAQI Certified Mold Remediator
  - NIAQI Certified Project Superintendent
  - Developer of "Mold-Free Process™" of Construction
  - Developer of Mold Screening Kits
  - Lecturer, Trainer, Talk Show Guest, Speaker
  - Environmental Consultant
  - Executive Director for NORMI (National Organization of Remediators and Mold Inspectors)
  - Certified Training Provider for CMIs and CMRs in Texas and Louisiana
  - Approved Training Provider for LA Real Estate Commission
  - NORMI CMI (Certified IAQ/Mold Inspector)
  - NORMI CMR (Certified Mold Remediator)
  - Active Member of Hammond Chamber of Commerce
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- [www.MoldFreeConstruction.com](http://www.MoldFreeConstruction.com)
  - [www.EnviroScreening.com](http://www.EnviroScreening.com)
  - [www.LouisianaEnvironmentalTechnologies.com](http://www.LouisianaEnvironmentalTechnologies.com)



**Scott "Spiderman" Mulholland**  
CGC CMA CMR CDDC CIEC  
CGC #1519110

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U S Building Laboratories Incorporated  
Building Envelope Science Institute  
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Presently operates and functions as CEO/Founder/President of the following: Building Envelope Science Institute which was organized in May 2009 in response to needs developed by the Chinese drywall issues.

USBCI (US Building Consultants Inc) Senior Forensic Investigator/Consultant, since 2003. USBLI - Laboratory Testing and Analysis.

### Areas of Expertise

- 3<sup>rd</sup> party quality control and inspections
- Building science and research
- Construction failures and forensic analysis
- Restoration of building envelope construction
- Exterior moisture intrusion investigations
- Environmental (mold) investigations and remediation
- New construction plans and review/building envelope commissioning
- ASTM field testing and analysis for new/existing construction
- Laboratory analysis for product/material testing and controls
- Stucco, EIFS, masonry, concrete, wood, metal cladding systems
- Laboratory testing, ITA protocols, ASTM, R & D, Chinese drywall I/R
- Expert witness reporting and testimony
- Building envelope remediation design/performance/PM services
- (SWAT) law enforcement certified sniper/rappel training P/T

Post adventures with the US Marines, as Marine Corps Sniper, spent over 25 years as a business owner in the waterproofing, restoration and construction industry. Education and training has been extensive to keep him on the cutting edge of knowledge which has graduated him to wisdom that he integrates into everyday aspects of his life, focusing his efforts on quality control, forensic studies, building science and failure analysis. Prior to becoming a full time consultant in 2003,

Mulholland's corporation formerly held a license as a general contractor, roofing contractor, and performed full-scale waterproofing full-scale waterproofing and



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restoration services for residential, commercial, and high-rise buildings for over twenty years.

Besides being the author of three national certification programs for BESI, EDI and NAWSRC, Mulholland has authored "Book on Chinese Drywall Forensic Investigation and Analysis" published December 2009 - "Corrosion Study On Chinese Drywall Verses Domestic Drywall" presented Symposium with the Department of Health Nov 2009, - "The Wet Look", An Investigator Offers His Point Of View on EIFS and the OSB Factor, Walls & Ceilings Magazine, Feb 2000. For a complete list of publications, please feel free to contact us.

Qualified as an expert witness and testified in several hundred litigation cases in multiple states throughout the U.S. for almost two decades representing clients on all sides of the construction industry from building owners, insurance companies, architects, developers, contractors, subcontractors, and material manufacturers regarding his expertise in the field of forensic investigations, failure analysis, environmental testing and analysis, and building science for the construction industries, due to over 25 years experience working in the field of construction in various areas including For a full list of his cases and expert witness qualification, please contact USBCI MAIN OFFICES IN Gainesville, Florida.

Speaking Engagements include, but are certainly not limited to: Insights 2010 Conference and tradeshow Jan, extensive studies and analysis conducted on Chinese drywall and effects; FL Wall & Ceiling Contractors Assoc - Forensic studies and laboratory analysis to date on Chinese drywall/domestic drywall with three more conferences in 2010. Speaker/expert panelist-Indian River State College CCTI and ESCARC, also fielded Q&A remediation. Numerous town meetings across Florida concerning Chinese drywall. Construction Owners Association of America (COAA), national conference as guest of UF Facilities, Planning and construction.



**Vito Ciaramitaro**  
Chinese Drywall Experts

Vito Ciaramitaro is one of the Managing Directors of Chinese Drywall Experts.

Chinese Drywall Experts was formed in response to wide-spread problems with defective drywall. Chinese Drywall Experts is a partner firm with Schear Corporation, one of the largest stucco, drywall and metal framing corporation in Florida and active in six states. The company provides remediation and reconstruction services with turn-key management for homeowners with defective drywall. To date, the company's remediation method has successfully mitigated more than 2 million board feet of defective drywall.

Prior to joining Chinese Drywall Experts, Ciaramitaro worked with Schear Corporation as residential specialist in sales. He previously worked for Toll Brothers as Senior Construction Manager, responsible for more than 50 homes at Aviano at Naples and assisting with the start of development and construction at Firano at Naples.

With more than 25 years in the construction industry, Ciaramitaro began his career in Michigan. He owned Vito Ciaramitaro Builders, with both commercial and residential projects, Homes by Vito, a high-end custom home line, American Quality Homes, which focused on affordable housing and remodeling, and Saginaw Concrete.

He was featured in Builder/Architect Magazine, appearing as the cover story in 1995 and 2005. He was voted "Best of the Best" in 2004 and 2005 and earned honors for Best Design and Best All Around in area's Parade of Homes.

Ciaramitaro attended Delta College with studies in architectural design and construction management.

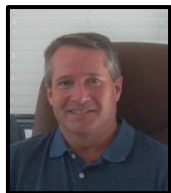
Chinese Drywall Experts is managed by licensed Florida Contractors. For more information, visit [www.WallTrouble.com](http://www.WallTrouble.com) or call 1-888-Wall-Trouble.



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## **Panel 5: Resale, stigma, warranties available, Realtors concerns, buying and selling**



### **Chris A. Burton**

National Construction Warranty Corporation

President / CEO National Construction Warranty Corporation / Moisture Warranty Corporation

### **Founder of National Construction Warranty Corporation**

- Specializing in general construction defect class-action settlement development
- Research and development of warranty products specific to certain construction defects
- Introduction of the National CDW Clearance Warranty in June 2010
- Development and warranty backing of the Strategic Remediation Protocol for corrosive drywall

### **Founder of Moisture Warranty Corporation and MoistureScan™ Corporation**

- The Nation's Largest Moisture Testing Company - In 1996 Stucco Pro MoistureScan developed the first uniform process of moisture testing and documentation.
- MoistureScan became the standard in the industry for simplifying the reporting process. This testing and reporting protocol is now being used throughout the country as the industry standard.
- Mr. Burton wrote the first edition of the MoistureScan Protocol Documentation in 1996.
- Author/Producer of the MoistureFree Inspection and Repair Video Training Series, including eight hours of DVD based training specific to claddings, windows, doors and other cladding penetrations.

### **Developed and Introduced The MoistureFree™ Warranty Program**

The first national warranty program specializing in exterior moisture issues. The MoistureFree Warranty program is based on the moisture testing and remediation of more than 20,000 thousands homes and buildings nationwide. Mr. Burton is an expert on an

extensive moisture failure testing database, which includes over two million data points on specific moisture failures.

### **Building Envelope Analysis and Remediation**

Mr. Burton extensive knowledge of exterior moisture failure is combined with remediation design techniques that have been installed on thousands of structures and tested using the ASTM E1105 method. This same knowledge has been equally effective at analyzing and remediating moisture problems in residential type commercial structures.

### **Warranty and Field Service Provider for Class-Action Settlements**

Mr. Burton has drafted the inspection, remediation and warranty programs for several class-action settlements, including cladding and window manufacturers. MoistureFree Warranty Corporation was the administrator of the National Dryvit Class-Action settlement.

### **Envelope Analysis, Patents and Expert Witness Experience**

- Author of four U.S. patents related to window pan/drainage systems
- Expert in exterior envelope moisture failures, including typical window failures utilizing a database of more than 120 different manufacturers and testing data for more than 500,000 windows.
- Expert witness for issues related to building envelope issues and specializing in window and door failures and the remediation of those failures.
- Certified infrared thermographer and expert in field testing to ASTM and AMAA standards.



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## Panel 6: Legal issues, preservation of evidence



**Dennis C. Reich**  
Co-Founding Partner  
Reich & Binstock, LLP

Mr. Reich graduated from the University of Houston Law Center where he was nominated as a Member of the Order of the Barons. He is a founding partner of Reich & Binstock in Houston, Texas and devotes his practice almost exclusively to toxic and environmental litigation.

Mr. Reich was formerly on the editorial board of Mealey's Toxic Tort Law Reporter. He served as an adjunct professor of Environmental Law at the University of Houston Law Center in Houston, Texas and has lectured extensively at Houston Bar Association and State Bar of Texas programs. He has also lectured at nationally sponsored seminars such as the Mealey's seminars involving underground storage tank and MTBE litigation. Specifically, he served as the Vice Chairman of a national program involving MTBE litigation that was presented in Phoenix, Arizona in October, 2000. He was a guest speaker at the Mealey's MTBE Litigation Conference presented in New York on December 5, 2006 regarding the current state of MTBE class actions, medical monitoring and diminution of property value.

He has served as either lead or co-lead counsel in numerous large-scale toxic tort cases and has been successful in obtaining recoveries for thousands of persons.

Mr. Reich is presently counsel of record for plaintiff in the case captioned **Captain Edward Lockridge, et al. v. BP, plc, BP Products North America, Inc., BP America, Inc., et al.** (MDL 2179).

Mr. Reich was appointed Co-Chair of the Medical Monitoring Committee and Co-Chair of the Expert Science (PI) Committee for the Plaintiff's Steering Committee in MDL-2047, *In Re: Chinese Drywall Products Liability Litigation*, in which homeowners have complained of noxious and toxic odors from drywall products.

There are many other examples of some of cases that Mr. Reich had a leadership role that may be obtained by contacting his law firm.

**Practice Areas:** Toxic and Environmental Torts, Complex Litigation



**Jordan M. Torry**  
Reich & Binstock, LLP

**Practice Areas:** Mass Tort Litigation, Products Liability, Personal Injury Litigation, Medical Negligence, Commercial Litigation, Toxic Tort

### Education and Honors

- University of Texas (B.A., cum laude, 2001)
- South Texas College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 2006)
  - Salutatorian
  - Member, South Texas Law Review
  - Order of the Lytae
  - W.J. Williamson Legal Writing Award and Scholarship

### Admissions and Affiliations

State Bar of Texas, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Bar Association, and Texas Trial Lawyers Association

### Publications:

Co-author, "Federal White Collar Crime," 18 *Texas State Bar Appellate Advocate* No. 4, Spring 2006.

### Tim Zorc

Chinese Drywall Integrated Solutions

Timothy "Tim" Zorc is a licensed Florida General Contractor for over 25 years and Certified Chinese Drywall Inspector. Second generation home builder having constructed nearly 750 properties of all types.

Senior Inspector and Project Manager for Chinese



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Drywall Screening, having been involved with over 150 inspections, preservation of evidence, XRF testing and consulting work on all types of structures.

Founder and Managing Partner of Chinese Drywall Integrated Solutions providing a variety of services to builders, lenders and investors on issues relating to Chinese Drywall. Provide memberships to companies looking to reach owners of Chinese Drywall properties throughout the US. Offer Consulting Services to Builders, Attorneys, and Banks relating to Chinese Drywall.

Worked on key environmental and industry issues with the National Association of Home Builders, Florida Association of Home Builders and other coalition groups.

Mr. Zorc has held several office and chairs with national organizations including Florida Home Builders Association, National Association of Home Builders, and Van Ness Feldman P.C.