## FALCONER CHARNEY LLP AND SUTTS, STROSBERG LLP FILE FALLING GLASS CLASS ACTIONS

**TORONTO, Ontario (March 7, 2012)** – Two class actions has been commenced in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice on behalf of all owners and renters of condominiums located in the Murano Towers and Festival Tower in the City of Toronto with respect to the falling balcony glass.

The plaintiffs have retained <u>Falconer Charney LLP</u> and <u>Sutts</u>, <u>Strosberg LLP</u> to prosecute the class actions.

The defendants named in the Murano Towers action are Bay Grenville Properties Limited (developer), Lanterra Developments Ltd., (developer/general contractor), Toro Aluminum Railings Inc., (manufacturer/installers of balcony railings), architectsAlliance (architects) and H&R Develoments Inc. (developer/contractor).

The defendants named in the Festival Tower action are King and John Festival Corporation (developer), The Daniels Corporation (developer/general contractor), KPMB Design Inc., Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg Architects (architects), Kirkor Atchitects and Planners (architects), Toronto International Film Festival Developments Inc. (developer), Toro Aluminum Railings Inc. and Toro Glasswall Inc. (manufacturers/installers of balcony railings).

The plaintiffs in both actions allege that the defendants are responsible to them and the members of the class for the lost use of their balconies. The plaintiffs in both buildings have been unable to open their balcony doors and use their balconies for many months.

Ted Charney, a partner of Falconer Charney LLP said, "Our goal is to compensate the class members for the loss of use of their outdoor living space and to motivate the builders to correct the problem as soon as possible."

Sharon Strosberg, a partner of Sutts, Strosberg LLP said, "Outdoor living space in downtown Toronto sells for a premium and is an integral part of condo life. The developers promoted the sale of these units by emphasizing the sizeable balconies and terraces, but the class members have been unable to use their outdoor living space for over a year with no end in sight".

Sutts, Strosberg LLP pioneered class actions in Ontario. Sutts, Strosberg LLP is currently co-counsel with Falconer Charney LLP in three certified class actions with respect to explosions in apartment buildings or condominiums. Please visit the Sutts, Strosberg LLP website <u>www.strosbergco.com</u> and <u>www.fallingglassclassaction.com</u> for more information about the Falling Glass class action.

The Charney Group of lawyers at Falconer Charney LLP has an established reputation for conducting class action litigation, including class actions based on personal injury. For more information, visit <u>falconercharney.com</u>.

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