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35W Bridge Collapse Victims File Compensation Lawsuits

Press Release

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Lawsuits were filed today in Hennepin County District Court, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on behalf of three individuals who were injured and the family of one who was killed in the August 1, 2007 35W Bridge Collapse.

The lawsuits, brought by the Minneapolis law firm of Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben on behalf of its clients followed 15 months of factual investigation and extensive analysis by bridge experts working on behalf of the victims.

The lawsuits claim negligence, breach of contract and a violation of professional standards on behalf of URS Corporation, a California based engineering firm, which had contracted with Mn/DOT to perform inspections and expert engineering analysis of the 35W Bridge going back to 2004.

In addition to the URS Corporation, the contractor that was engaged in working on the bridge deck at the time of its collapse, PCI Corporation, was also named as a defendant. The suit claims that PCI's excessive loading of materials on the bridge, its removal of critical bridge deck elements and its failure to do any engineering analysis, contributed to causing the collapse.

Copies of the Summons and Complaints are attached.

For additional comments or interviews contact [Jim Schwebel](#), Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben, 612-344-0306 or jSchwebel@schwebel.com.

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