

# Opinion

## *The Silence of the Lambs*

**W**hen hiring a contractor or individual to perform a job for you, is it not appropriate to ask for a resume? The purpose of which is to ensure that you are hiring someone who has lived up to the expectations that you hold for the job.

The results of the Third Law suit has left many people with a feeling of frustration since there is no public statement or conclusion upon which one can judge what PCM's resume might consist of if it was submitted today to fill the job of Managing Agent for our Home Owner Association.

Why don't we have this information? The Third Mutual Board has informed us that this lack of information is based on the settlement that was agreed upon and is a direct order from the judge. This has created a bit of a dichotomy when hearing residents comments on this outcome. On one side, the board is responding to the judgment of their legal counsel to remain silent. On the other side, residents are stating that there is legal precedence that the results of the settlement should be available to all members of the Third Mutual since they were a part of the law suit.

Unfortunately, those who are implying that the Third Mutual Board is free to make the settlement public are not legally authorized

to give this information and they are the first ones to admit to that.

So what do we do? Will we ever find out what happened behind closed doors? We just might be able to make some inferences based on the "Silence" of the four newly elected directors who ran on the, "We will stop the Law Suit" ticket. If they were truly vindicating the actions of PCM it would not be surprising that if the settlement was indeed a positive result on the part of PCM, it would, more than likely, be a major part of any rumor mill within the walls of LWV.

Has anyone heard anything? No! At least, Not Yet! We can be assured that this information will be leaked out to the residents just like all the prior law suits over the past 40 years. When that happens, it will be very interesting to see how our mutual boards protect us by hiring qualified contractors that will live up to our expectations, or, have we set our fiduciary responsibility sights so low that anyone will fall into the "ACCEPTABLE" category?

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