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Jury Awards Developer \$1.4 Million

Walton County jury enforces pre-construction contract and awards Andante Development \$1.4 million in damages.

A three day jury trial held before Judge Howard LaPorte in Walton County this week took a jury only 45 minutes to reach a verdict in favor of local developer Andante Development, LLC. Three pre-construction purchasers refused to close on their Andante unit when completed in 2007. The 4,300 square foot Gulf-front penthouse at Andante, located in Seacrest Beach, Fla. was contracted for closure at \$3.4 million. Due to the purchasers' breach of contract by failing to close, Andante suffered damages including the reduction of the fair market value of the unit and the carrying costs it incurred until ultimately selling the unit in December 2009 to

another buyer. Andante was represented at trial by Trey Goodwin of Matthews & Hawkins, P.A. as well as Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough.

Goodwin, an attorney at Matthews & Hawkins, said, "It was a great win for our client, which was the result of a thorough defense team effort."

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