

Our Law Firm is Kaman & Cusimano

Some owners may question why our association needs or has a law firm. Other owners even believe lawyers cause problems and/or cause litigation rather than solve problems or prevent litigation. As everyone knows, America has a lot of lawyers. Subsequent to much research, our association has hired the firm of Kaman & Cusimano. This firm is unique in that their practice is devoted entirely to community association law. It is all they do. They do not represent anyone other than community associations. In other words, they do not represent developers, managers, management companies, contractors, or even individual board members. They do not handle divorces or do wills. All they do is represent associations. When we say they represent the association that means they represent all of us. They are not “hired guns” for the board, but rather, have carefully read our governing documents so they may guide the board to operate the association correctly. In representing the entire association, not just the board, Kaman & Cusimano advocates a philosophy of “communication and not litigation.” Most of their lawyers have or currently live in community associations and several have served on their association’s board. As a result, they are uniquely able to empathize with the board and recognize budget restraints.

We pay the law firm an annual amount \$600.00 for a preventative law system called a Service Option. Under the Service Option, and to prevent litigation, the firm presents three educational seminars per year for board members. These seminars cover basics such as board responsibilities, contracting, amending documents, proper rule enforcement, and collection procedures. In addition, the firm regularly publishes a newsletter that alerts board members to changes in the law and developing trends. Possibly the most important reason we chose Kaman & Cusimano is that there is no extra charge for telephone calls from board members of fifteen minutes or less. Anytime a board member has a procedural, operational, or legal question, our lawyers are just a telephone call away without additional cost to the association. The seminars, newsletters and the phone calls together act as a system of “preventative law.”

Further information on the law firm of Kaman & Cusimano, as well as informative articles that may be of interest to all owners, may be found at www.ohiocondolaw.com or www.ohiohoalaw.com.