

## Symptoms of sinkhole activity may include:

- Cracking of block foundations
- Cracking around the door and window frames
- Windows or doors that do not close properly
- Large cracks in wall
- Depressions in yard or driveway
- Tilting or sinking of a section of a floor
- Separation of walls from ceilings or floors
- Separation of house from foundation
- Pipes breaking
- Tree roots exposed that were not before
- Fence posts that start sagging or slanting



## Sinkholes

Sinkholes are a naturally occurring geological condition and one of the most prevalent land forms in Florida. Many of the lakes in Central Florida are actually relic sinkholes. Sinkholes can be classified as geological hazards sometimes causing extensive damage to a home or business resulting in costly repairs. Due to the extreme weather conditions experienced in Central Florida over the past few years, sinkhole activity has increased and many areas are now being plagued with this natural disaster.

We know that often times your life savings are invested in your home and that you work hard to keep your home looking good to provide a safe and comfortable environment for your family.

Please visit our web site [www.FLlawonline.com](http://www.FLlawonline.com) for additional information on sinkholes and other claim issues such as storm and fire damage.

The hiring of a lawyer is an important decision that should not be based solely on advertisements. Before you decide, ask us to send you free written information about our qualifications and experience.



Many times clients will come to us prior to contacting their insurance company. The attorneys of LeValley Napolitano & McMenamin, P.L. have over ten (10) years experience working on sinkhole cases and we will work hard to protect your investment by representing you vigorously to the best of our abilities with regard to your claim with your insurance company for damages to your home.

LeValley Napolitano & McMenamin, P.L. can assist you even if you have already filed a claim, whether or not the insurance company agrees you have a sinkhole. We also represent individuals in situations where their insurer agrees that their home is damaged due to sinkhole activity, but only offers to pay a portion of what it will cost to repair or replace the property. We can help people in this situation, often obtaining substantially more than the insurance company initially offered.

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## Fees and Expenses

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Because we recognize what it costs to take on an insurance company, LeValley Napolitano & McMenamin, P.L. represent clients in sinkhole cases on a contingency fee basis. If for any reason you receive no money, then we receive no fee for our work. Our firm always advances all the costs connected with the preparation and presentation of the case. If there is no recovery, these costs are not repaid by the client. Simply stated, we are paid fees and costs only if you win.

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## We are Committed

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LeValley Napolitano & McMenamin, P.L. is committed to constantly keeping the client informed of any developments in the case. You will always meet with one or more lawyers who will handle your case. In short, LeValley Napolitano & McMenamin, P.L. confirm our dedication to putting the clients' needs above all other considerations and our commitment to always arguing aggressively for clients' rights. Being sensitive to our clients and fighting for them is what we are all about.

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Mr. Napolitano is a graduate of The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy and Stetson College of Law. He has been a member of the Florida Bar since 1992, No. 932833 with extensive experience in Circuit and Federal court cases in Florida. Mr. Napolitano is a member of the American Bar Association and the Florida Justice Association. As a partner in LeValley Napolitano & McMenamin, P.L. Mr. Napolitano now focuses his skills on the representation of property owners in all first party insurance claims and other complex civil litigation.

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## HOUSE CRACKING?

## SETTLING?

## SINKHOLE?

## INSURER DENY YOUR CLAIM?

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## WE CAN HELP



**LeValley Napolitano & McMenamin, P.L.**  
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