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ODVA Hires Law Firm To Sue Sallisaw Architect

(Oklahoma City) The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) has retained legal counsel to investigate and pursue all damages arising from the design and construction of the new Sallisaw Veterans Home in Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

With the approval of the Oklahoma Attorney General, ODVA has engaged the law firm, Hayes, Magrini & Gatewood of Oklahoma City. The current estimate of damages is calculated to be approximately \$21 million.

The Sallisaw project is nearly fifty (50) percent complete and construction will continue as legal action is pursued to recover damages for the State of Oklahoma. The projected date of opening the new Sallisaw Veterans Home remains March of 2024.

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About ODVA:

The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs provides resources and services to military veterans residing in the state of Oklahoma including assistance with state and federal veterans' benefits, disability claims, burial and survivor benefits, healthcare, employment, education, suicide prevention, entrepreneurship and veteran-owned businesses, women veteran services and veterans in agriculture. ODVA also operates seven long-term care facilities throughout Oklahoma. To learn more, visit www.oklahoma.gov/veterans