



**Scope of Services**

- Forensic Investigation and Expert Witness Services

**Summary**

"After topping out a 32 story hotel, and while placing concrete for the eighth floor of a ten story parking garage, both of which were part of a 245 million dollar expansion project at Tropicana Casino and Resort in Atlantic City, New Jersey on October 30, 2003, a section of the parking garage collapsed as concrete was being placed. Just three floors from completing the structure of this project, one span of the west most floors of the parking garage collapsed suddenly, killing two of the men walking on that top floor, and two others working below. Some twenty other men were injured."

Ivan Becica, P.E., FASCE of Becica Associates LLC, along with David J. Fielding, Ph.D., P.E., was retained by those representing the casino's owners to determine the cause of, and responsibility for the collapse. The quote above is excerpted from a 33 page report prepared by Mr. Becica and Dr. Fielding as a result of a three year forensic investigation and structural analysis. The legal disputes arising from the collapse were settled prior to the beginning of any court room proceedings in April of 2007.

*"I just wanted to drop you a note to thank you personally for the time and effort that you have expended in behalf of the Tropicana Casino and Resort in Atlantic City with respect to the aftermath of the partial garage collapse of October 30, 2003. As you may already know, this matter settled on April 11th for a total of \$101 million going to all plaintiffs. As a result of my efforts with your grateful assistance, the Tropicana's contribution was minimal compared to other defendants."*

*April 27, 2007 by Louis Niedelman, Esquire  
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