

Attorney Alex Galindo with Curd, Galindo and Smith, L.L.P. Files Suit on Behalf of Isaac Against the National Housing Company The Michaels Organization.

Isaac Irizarry a paraplegic confined to his wheelchair has sued The Michaels Organization and its group of companies. The suit alleges federal housing discrimination claims and negligence in failing to properly manage and maintain the housing unit where Isaac rented from The Michaels Organization.

Bakersfield, California ([PRWEB](#)) October 15, 2013 -- Attorney [Alex Galindo](#) with the law offices of [Curd, Galindo & Smith, L.L.P.](#) has filed a federal housing discrimination claim against [The Michaels Organization](#) a development company based in Marlton, New Jersey. The Michaels Organization and its 8 group of companies are among the leading private sector affordable housing owners and developers in the nation. From small scale properties to massive neighborhood transformations, Michaels Organization has created homes for more than 100,000 residents. The lawsuit was filed in Kern County Superior Court and removed to United States District Court, Eastern District of California Case No.: 13-cv-01600-LJO-JLT.

Court records show that ISAAC IRIZARRY who has been disabled since childhood brought his action to enforce the provisions of the State of California and federal fair housing laws, including but not limited to the provisions of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (the Fair Housing Act), as amended by the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, 42 U.S.C. §§ 3601 et seq., laws and statutes of the State of California, especially California Government Code § 12955.2; 12900, et seq., commonly known as the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) and California Civil Code §§ 51, 52(a), commonly known as the Unruh Civil Rights Act.

The lawsuit alleges that on December 16, 2011, ISAAC IRIZARRY moved into The Michaels Organization known as Tehachapi Housing, unit 75 located at 654 West "E" Street # 75, Tehachapi, Kern County, California.

Court documents state that The Michaels Organization failed to provide Mr. Irizarry an apartment that would accommodate his disability by not providing him with a handicap compliant apartment unit. The federal lawsuit contends that on August 17, 2012, approximately six (6) months after Mr. Irizarry moved into the Unit 75 of the Tehachapi Housing Complex, he sought to reach inside one of his kitchen cabinets. The cabinet was too high for Mr. Irizarry to reach from his wheelchair so he attempted to lift his entire body out of his wheelchair onto the kitchen counter top so that he could reach the cabinet. The lawsuit goes on to state that while Mr. Irizarry was reaching for the cabinet he fell onto a sharp edge of the counter top. The court file alleges that the fall caused injury to Mr. Irizarry. Mr. Irizarry has had to undergo multiple surgeries to repair the injuries.

The complaint further contends that The Michaels Organization and its group of companies injured Mr. Irizarry by committing discriminatory housing practices, in violation of the federal Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 3601 et seq. These are regulations that were created by Congress to insure reasonable accommodations to handicapped persons.

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