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**Legal aspects of leisure services**

**Part I**

Topic: Collapsing of Hard Rock hotel

**Part II**

**Outline summarizing conclusions of my readings and research**

1. Facts about collapsed Hard Rock Hotel
2. Reasons for the collapse

* poor construction planning
* negligence by the owners, contractors and engineers
* negligence by authorities in New Orleans i.e. lack of inspection by the authorities

ii) Ownership and contractors

* owned by Kailas Company
* Contractors: Citadel Builders LLC

1. Implications
2. Cost in terms of money and lives

* Two deaths, 30 people injured
* Estimated $6 Million in two weeks of construction
* $2million collapse related expenses
* Northern Rampart Street damage of $1.2 million (Gerstein, 2)
* Repairs amounting to $900, 000
* City ultimate cost $6million
* cancelled musical performance scheduled Saenger Theater, the adjacent building

ii. Legal implications

* law suits by site workers (Price, 2)
* relatives of people killed

1. Enforcement of safety standards

Poor enforcement of safety standards

* Occupational Safety
* Health administration

**Importance of the topic**

Collapsed Hard Rock Hotel and its related legal implications provide interesting study since it highlights issues and implications around property development and existing safety standards. The Laws and regulations surrounding property development, especially hotels and residential buildings, are too relaxed, and this has given a chance to unscrupulous contractors and owners to breach the laws. Understanding the events related to the collapsed building, related legal implications, costs, as well as regulations of property development, provide interesting study worth pursuing. I feel that there was negligence by the owners of the building, the contractors, and the local authorities, which contributed to collapsing of the building leading to loss of lives. I chose this topic so that I can have an in-depth understanding of laws of property development and safety measures and the role of different government and state agencies on supervising and regulating constructions. Besides, this case will provide a check on the safety standards of leisure buildings; by doing this, it will ensure the safety of tourists and travelers. I am willing to advocate for this issue because I believe that owners, contractors, and government departments violated the law and fail to follow the required procedures and standards. I also advocate this case to ensure that hotels and leisure buildings are safe. I believe that constructors and relatives of affected need justice since their rights have been violated by the negligence of owners and contractors.

**Part III**

**a) Definition of the issue and its relevance**

On October 12, 2019, in New Orleans, an 18-story building under construction suddenly collapsed, killing two people and injuring 30 others. It rendered more than 100 construction workers jobless and elicited series of costs amounting to millions of dollars. The owners, Kailas Company and contractor, Citadel builders LCC engage in failed to take responsibility for losses with each blaming the other. I feel that the owners and contractors are culpable and need to compensate the victims and families of those affected. I took this issue so that I advocate for the victims, injured and those affected to get justice and take action against the negligence of owners and contractors

Collapsing of Hard Rock Hotel in New Orleans provided awakening to the government to review existing safety standards and procedures and provide better guidelines for the construction of the business and residential buildings (Beasley Allen Law Firm, 2). Focusing on the collapsed of the hotel gives an understanding of the safety of hotels and residential buildings, an aspect relevant to leisure service programs. The Hard Rock disaster shows that many hotels and leisure places are vulnerable, and the safety of visitors and tourists are compromised. It highlights the magnitude of changes needed to guarantee adequate security of hotels, leisure buildings, and occupants.

**b) Pros and cons of the issue I selected**

The case I selected provides both benefits and implications. To start with, given the publicity and coverage it received in the media, I will get adequate financial and legal support when advocating the issue. I think many people would be willing to provide their support by giving evidence and financial support. The constructors and relatives of those who died in the tragedy would be ready to display their support. Importantly, this case has strong legal evidence and facts that may strengthen my arguments. I will review existing judicial and safety standards and procedures and ascertain whether owners and contractors followed the requirements or not; this will give a strong basis for my strong arguments on the case. The case will have its difficulties, which include financial constraints and a lack of adequate evidence. The groups favored by the issue include the constructors, the injured people, and relatives of people who died. Those affected by the issue include contractors, the owners of the building, and relevant authorities who failed to regulate the construction of the building.

c)  **Financial implications**

This issue has profound financial consequences to the handlers of the case and legal experts advocating it. The situation needs finances to fast track it and initiate the entire advocacy process. The advocacy process needs money to research facts and information, hire supporting legal experts, and acquire materials required in the case. Other areas that need to be addressed include obtaining possible breach of contract, prove of economic damages, and evidence showing negligence. Economic losses include expenses incurred in the treatment of injured, costs incurred by the local authorities clearing the debris, and costs related to time wastes due to blocked roads.

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