

# Lindsey P. Bruning Partner



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### **PRACTICE AREAS**

- Bad Faith and Extra-Contractual Liability
- Insurance
- · Property Insurance
- Subrogation

#### **BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

- State Court: Texas, Oklahoma
- U.S. District Courts:
   Northern, Southern,
   Eastern, and Western
   Districts of Texas; Western
   District of Oklahoma

### **EDUCATION**

- St. Mary's University School of Law, J.D., 2008
- University of Texas, B.A., 2005

Lindsey is a Partner in the Dallas office, where her practice is devoted to commercial insurance disputes, both in litigation and in appraisal. She works with and represents numerous leading domestic insurance companies in property insurance coverage disputes and bad faith litigation, and handles litigation matters in state and federal courts across the country.

Lindsey is at the forefront of legal issues affecting property insurance, particularly those involving weather-related catastrophes such as hurricanes, floods, and hail. Over the course of her 13 years with Zelle, Lindsey has developed an expertise in such weather-related claims in litigation and/or appraisal that her colleagues and clients recognize and respect.

#### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

## **Insurance Coverage – First-Party**

Represented carrier in claim related to damage arising from temperature changes and won summary judgment on legal issues, which was also successfully defended at the Fifth Circuit.

Represented numerous property insurance carriers in a number of lawsuits concerning hail claims with concurrent causation issues, recently obtaining dismissal of lawsuit upon a successful motion for summary judgment on the legal issue.

Obtained dismissal of lawsuit against commercial property insurer arising from alleged damage resulting from Hurricane Harvey based on insufficiency of expert opinion and legal doctrine of concurrent causation.

Won jury trial defense judgment on Galveston policyholder's breach of contract and extracontractual claims based on carrier's denial of claim for damage to electrical system caused by hurricane.

Aggressively defended commercial property insurers in numerous cases alleging hail, wind and/or water damage.

Successfully negotiated favorable settlements of property insurance claim disputes involving commercial properties following entry of appraisal awards.



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# **Subrogation**

Successfully represented insurance carrier in suit to recover from third party roofing manufacturer for hail loss at insured property in Oklahoma, obtaining reversal of summary judgment in manufacturer's favor and negotiating a favorable settlement.

### **ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS**

"Top Ten Tips On Appraisal," Zelle 2024 What the Hail? Conference, Irving, TX, February 9, 2024, co-presenter

"Hot Topics Involving Claim Measurement," 2023 Zelle LLP Dallas Office Week of Webinars, September 14, 2023, presenter

"Texas 'Hail Bill' Promotes Dispute Resolution Without Litigation," *Texas Law360*, May 29, 2018, co-author

"Why *Menchaca* Changes Nothing for Appraisal Law," *Texas Law360*, June 6, 2017, co-author

"Will Insurers Respond To The Texas Floods?," *Texas Law360*, June 5, 2015, author

"Texas' Progressive Claim Syndrome Is Treatable," *Texas Law360*, August 22, 2014, author

"Estimates vs. Bids: Determining Insurer Obligation," *Insurance Law360*, May 9, 2014, author

"Texas Hail Damage Claims Seminar—What The Hail™ Is Going On?," March 6, 2014, presenter

"Outside Party Lines: A Guide To Texas Nonparty Discovery," *Texas Law360*, February 20, 2014, author

"Appraisal Process Is Ripe For Revision," *Insurance Law360*, June 13, 2013, co-author

"Myths and Realities of Bad Faith Claims in the U.S.," Lloyd's Under 30's



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seminar, May 17, 2013, co-presenter

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

State Bar of Texas

Dallas Bar Association, Torts and Insurance Practice Section, Board Member 2023

American Bar Association

Dallas Women Lawyers Association