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PRACTICE AREAS

- Bad Faith and Extra-Contractual Liability
- Breach of Contract
- Engineering and Construction
- Insurance
- Pandemic Claims and Litigation
- Property Insurance
- Subrogation

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- State Court: Texas

EDUCATION

- University of Texas School of Law, J.D., *with honors*, 2017, Chief Notes Editor, **THE REVIEW OF LITIGATION**
- University of Cincinnati, B.B.A., Economics, *with distinguished honors*, 2014

Bennett is a senior associate in Zelle's Dallas office. His practice focuses on insurance coverage and commercial business litigation, where he represents some of the world's largest insurance companies through every stage of litigation. Bennett has a unique understanding of the obstacles insurers face in first-party claims, and has a keen ability of identifying the heart of his clients' issues before aggressively solving them. He approaches his clients' problems with efficiency and passion, and employs his endless energy and creativity to find litigation and business solutions that fit his clients' goals. Bennett stays up to date on the newest insurance trends and obtains results for both well-established and up-and-coming carriers.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**Property Insurance**

Obtained \$750,000 class action summary judgment against fraudulent roofing company who defrauded over 100 North Texas homeowners.

Obtained summary judgment in federal court on first-party property damage and extra-expense claims relating to alleged hail damage to EPDM warehouse roofs and ammonia cooling system.

Defended several insurers under the largest "shared and layered" insurance program in the world in both state and tribal courts.

Defended insurers new to the Texas market in complex commercial hail and wind property damage claims.

Creatively negotiated favorable pre-litigation results in commercial and residential fire loss claims.

Represented Fortune 500 insurance carrier in federal litigation relating to alleged wind damage to EPDM commercial roofs against big-box retailer in Kansas and Nebraska.

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

"Bennett's Brain Buster: Howdy, Puzzlers! The Lonestar Crossword Puzzle"
The Zelle Lonestar Lowdown, May 14, 2024, author

"Tales from the Trenches of Remote Depositions," *The Zelle Lonestar Lowdown*, August 8, 2023, co-author

"Tales from the Trenches of Remote Depositions," *Law360*, July 21, 2023, co-author

"Court Rejects Metal Fatigue Argument in Upholding Damage Exclusion," *The Zelle Lonestar Lowdown*, May 9, 2023

"Insuretech: The Next Frontier for Property Insurance," American Bar Association Property Insurance Law Committee Spring Conference, May 10, 2019, co-presenter

"*Menchaca* Continues to Preclude Post-Appraisal Liability," *Texas Law360*, July 25, 2018, co-author

"Insurtech is the Next Frontier for Texas Insurance," *Texas Law360*, March 12, 2018, co-author

"Claims Stemming from Government Regulated Flooding After Hurricane Harvey," *CAT-Law Navigator*, November 1, 2017, author

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

State Bar of Texas

NOTEWORTHY

Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, 2024.