

Steven Badger Quoted in Claims Journal Regarding Hail Attorney Indicted for Barratry and Fraud

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Steven Badger, a partner in the Dallas office of Zelle, was quoted in *Claims Journal* article titled "Texas Hail Attorney Indicted for Barratry and Fraud."

An investigation into hailstorm claims fraud by the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) Fraud Unit led to a Tarrant County grand jury indictment of Richard Kent Livesay, a lawyer who allegedly solicited business following major hailstorm events that occurred in the Dallas area in 2014.

Livesay was indicted on first degree counts of felony engaging in organized criminal activity, felony insurance fraud, felony false statement to obtain property or credit, and thirteen counts of third degree felony barratry. He faces a minimum sentence of 15 years if convicted on all counts.

Badger, who's a vocal advocate for hail litigation reform, said he was pleased to see prosecution of a barratry matter, since it remains rampant in hail litigation across the state.

"Hopefully this prosecution of a well-known hail lawyer will send a message to other hail lawyers that the crime of barratry will be identified and, when appropriate, prosecuted," he said.

[Click here to read the article on the *Claims Journal* website.](#)