

Steven Badger Quoted in Claims Journal Regarding TX Roofer Appealing Class Certification in Case Alleging Hail Damage Solicitation

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Steven Badger, a partner in the Dallas office of Zelle, was quoted in an article titled “Texas Roofer Appeals Class Certification in Case Alleging Hail Damage Solicitation” that was published on the *Claims Journal* website.

A Texas roofer has filed an appeal disputing a class action finding in a case involving allegations of hail solicitation that could impact 3,000 of its customers. The appeals case could have implications for contractors who act as public adjusters illegally leading to class action lawsuits.

According to Badger, the primary reason for the dramatic increase in the number of hail claims in Texas are contractors that inject themselves into the claims process. Contractors solicit homeowners using door hangers, call centers and other means to aggressively market to homeowners with the promises of a free roof. Badger said the homeowner then signs an agreement giving the contractor the right to negotiate the insurance claim and install the roof for the amount of the insurance proceeds.

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