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PRACTICE AREAS

- Insurance
- Property Insurance

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- State Court: Texas
- United States District Court: Northern District of Texas

EDUCATION

- SMU Dedman School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2021; Note Editor, Science & Technology Law Review
- SMU Cox School of Business, B.B.A., 2018

Claire is a senior associate in the firms Dallas office, where she represents some of the worlds largest insurance carriers. Her practice is devoted to complex commercial litigation, insurance coverage disputes, and bad faith litigation. She has experience in the areas of commercial property and builders risk, particularly in matters involving first-party breach of contract claims, Texas Insurance Code and Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act violations, bad faith causes of action, and coverage disputes for various causes of loss.

Claire represents clients in all aspects of commercial disputes, from providing analysis to clients on coverage issues to representing clients in all aspects of litigation in federal and state courts across the country.

Prior to joining Zelle as an associate, Claire worked as a summer associate and law clerk at Zelle while attending SMU Dedman School of Law. While in law school, she served as the president and vice president of programs for the Corporate Law Association and note editor for the Science and Technology Law Review.

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

Houston Federal Court Holds Repair Estimates Without Causation Opinions Cannot Defeat Summary Judgment in Hurricane Beryl Claim, *The Zelle Lonestar Lowdown*, September 30, 2026, author

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Insurance Coverage Litigation? *The Zelle Lonestar Lowdown*, October 10, 2023, co-author

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"The End of the Voluntary-Involuntary Rule," *Claims Journal*, December 16, 2022, co-author

"Texas Insurers' Paths To Post-Appraisal Summary Judgment," *Law360 Insurance Authority*, November 22, 2021, co-author

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Dallas Bar Association

Dallas Asian American Bar Association

Dallas Association of Young Lawyers

Dallas Women Lawyers Association