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PRACTICE AREAS

- Bad Faith and Extra-Contractual Liability
- Builder's Risk
- Energy/Renewables
- Insurance
- Pandemic Claims and Litigation
- Property Insurance

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

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

EDUCATION

- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 2021
- Sam Houston State University, B.A., Political Science, summa cum laude, 2018

Austin is a senior associate in Zelles Dallas office. He represents clients, including many of the worlds largest insurance companies, through all stages of litigation including pre-suit investigation and liability evaluation. His practice focuses on a wide range of insurance-related matters, with an emphasis on first-party coverage disputes.

He has experience in matters involving first-party breach of contract claims, Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA) violations, bad faith causes of action, Texas Insurance Code violations, and coverage disputes involving a wide range of risks. He also regularly advises clients through all stages of the property insurance appraisal process.

During law school, Austin served as a judicial intern to the Honorable Vanessa D. Gilmore of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Obtained full summary judgment in Texas state court (including bad faith and extra-contractual causes of action) in first-party property dispute involving theapplicability of policys vacancy clause.

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

Fifth Circuit Confirms Insureds Burden to Show Damage Occurred on Date of Loss Within Policy Period, *The Zelle Lonestar Lowdown*, June 30, 2026, author

TDIs Revised Appraisal Rules What Changed, Why It Matters, and How to Get Ready, *The Zelle Lonestar Lowdown*, April 30, 2026, author

Appraisal Doesnt Toll the Clock: Texas Court Upholds Suit Limitation Clause Despite Post-Denial Appraisal Demand, *The Zelle Lonestar Lowdown*, October 31, 2025, author

When Coverage Disagreements Are Justified: The Bona Fide Dispute Doctrine in Action *The Zelle Lonestar Lowdown*, May 21, 2025, author

The First Houston Court of Appeals Correctly Grants Mandamus Relief to Compel Appraisal After Suit Is Filed, *The Zelle Lonestar Lowdown*, February 19, 2025, author

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Federal Court Correctly Concludes that a Simple Disagreement Between Experts Does Not Support a Claim for the Breach of the Duty of Good Faith and Fair Dealing - *Beka One, LLC V. RLI Insurance Company*, *The Zelle Lonestar Lowdown*, December 18, 2024, author

Texas Prompt Payment of Claims Act: When Are Insurance Code Chapter 542 Penalties Not Owed? June 11, 2024, co-author

Morakabian and Rosales Signal a Consensus View on Recovery of Attorneys' Fees After Appraisal, *Claims Journal*, June 27, 2023, co-author

Insurer's Payment of Appraisal Award and Interest Precludes Claim for Attorneys' Fees, *The Zelle Lonestar Lowdown*, May 9, 2023, co-author

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Dallas Bar Association

Dallas Association of Young Lawyers