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PRACTICE AREAS

- Bad Faith and Extra-Contractual Liability
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- Climate Change
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- Insurance
- Pandemic Claims and Litigation
- Property Insurance

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- State Court: Texas

EDUCATION

- Texas Tech School of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2020
- University of Missouri-Columbia, B.A., English and History, 2011

Scott 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.

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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