

Steven Badger Quoted in Claims Journal: Federal Court Ruling Vacates Hail Claim Appraisal Award

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Steven Badger, a partner in the Dallas office of Zelle, was quoted in an article titled “Federal Court Ruling Vacates Hail Claim Appraisal Award, Highlights Appraiser Abuses” that was published on the *Claims Journal* website.

Copper Oaks Master Home Owners Association v. American Family Mutual Insurance Co. involves a claim of hail damage that led to a dispute regarding damages. A recent decision by a Colorado federal appeals court in this matter could have significant impact on hail claims and appraisals across the country.

“The Copper Oaks matter is a prime example of the abuses that have sadly become commonplace in the insurance claim appraisal process, particularly in Texas and Colorado,” said Badger. “Sadly, it took federal court litigation to remedy the clear abuses that took place during this appraisal process.”

[Click here to read *Claims Journal* article that outlines the case and provides additional analysis by Badger.](#)