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## **Steven Badger Quoted in Carrier Management: New Protocols for First-Party Insurance Disaster Claims**

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Steven Badger, a partner in the Dallas office of Zelle, was quoted in a *Carrier Management* article titled "IAALS Unveils New Protocols for First-Party Insurance Disaster Claims."

The article provides an overview of the new, streamlined protocols designed to promote a more efficient exchange of information in first-party insurance claims cases stemming from man-made and natural disasters.

The Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System (IAALS) developed the protocols, backed by a grant from The Foundation of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Plaintiff and defense attorneys, FEMA, the Texas U.S. attorney's office and state federal judges all took part in developing the protocols.

Badger, who participated in the development, says that the new protocols should help both carriers and claims officials do their jobs better in disaster situations.

"Knowing what will have to be produced by both sides early in the litigation process should help carriers and their claims teams in the prompt evaluation and resolution of disputed disaster claims," Badger told *Carrier Management*.

Click here to read the Carrier Management article.