

Steven Badger Quoted in Claims Journal: Emergency Orders May not be the Ammo Plaintiffs Hoped for in Business-Interruption Suits

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Steven Badger, a partner in the Dallas office of Zelle, was quoted in a Claims Journal article titled “Language in Emergency Orders Gives Ammo to Plaintiffs in Business-Interruption Suits.”

Cities and counties across the country have include verbiage about “property loss” or “damage” in emergency orders concerning business operations. Those orders, in turn, are being cited in lawsuits arguing that coronavirus has caused property damage and triggering business-interruption coverage. According to Badger, the origin of the property damage language is clear. “There’s no secret that the language was added in several initial emergency orders at the request of plaintiffs’ lawyers, with other municipalities then simply copying the same language.” he said.

[Click here to read “Language in Emergency Orders Gives Ammo to Plaintiffs in Business-Interruption Suits.”](#)