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## Steven Badger Interviewed by ABC Dallas-Ft. Worth: Roofing Supplies in Short Supply as TX Braces for Hail Season

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Steven Badger, a partner in the Dallas office of Zelle, was interviewed by ABC affiliate WFAA for a segment titled "Roofing materials in short supply, high cost as Texas begins severe storm season."

COVID-19 shutdowns and winter storm problems have led to a shortage of roofing supplies in Texas as the state braces for its heaviest hail season. There's no clear forecast of when shortages will end or what the storm season will be like, but if bad hail comes, Badger says to make sure to vet the contractors you use to see if they're from the area and check if they're part of a group like the North Texas Roofing Contractors Association. He says customers need to look out for fraud.

"For the past decade, my practice has been almost exclusively dealing with weather-related disaster claims in Texas," Badger said. "After every storm in North Texas, people get ripped off. We see lots of contractors come in from out of state. We call them 'two Chucks in a truck,' and they come in to take advantage of all the work here."

He also says don't pay before work is done and watch out for red flags like waiving deductibles.

Click here to view "Roofing materials in short supply, high cost as Texas begins severe storm season."