

Zelle LLP Elects Two to Partnership

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Zelle LLP is pleased to announce that Bennett Moss and Michael Upshaw have been elected to the partnership effective January 1, 2026. The new partners are based in the firms Dallas, TX office.

We are pleased to welcome Bennett and Michael to the partnership, said Liz Kniffen, the firms Managing Partner and member of Zelles Executive Committee. They exemplify the character, judgment, and client-first mindset that define Zelle, and we look forward to their leadership as they collaborate across the firm and advance client goals as Partners.

Bennett Moss

Bennett joined Zelle in 2017. His practice focuses on insurance coverage and commercial business litigation, where he represents some of the worlds largest insurance companies through every stage of litigation. Bennett has a unique understanding of the obstacles insurers face in first-party claims, and has a keen ability of identifying the heart of his clients issues before aggressively solving them. He approaches his clients problems with efficiency and passion, and employs his endless energy and creativity to find litigation and business solutions that fit his clients goals. Bennett stays up to date on the newest insurance trends and obtains results for both well-established and up-and-coming carriers.

Michael Upshaw

Michael, who joined Zelle in 2017 after clerking with the firm for two summers during law school, represents many of the worlds largest insurance companies, focusing his practice on litigation in insurance coverage. He is particularly involved in coverage issues and litigation relating to commercial property damage and business interruption losses. Michaels practice area spans the sectors of commercial property, on-shore and off-shore energy, industrial manufacturing, and builders risk, including representation of domestic and international insurance carriers.

Michael has vast experience with all levels of litigation and dispute resolution, including written discovery, fact and expert depositions, motion practice, oral argument, appraisal, and mediation.