

## Steven Badger Quoted in Claims Journal: Appraiser Impartiality has Become a New Source of Litigation

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Steven Badger, a partner in Zelles Dallas office, was quoted in the *Claims Journal* article titled *Insurers Challenging Awards When Appraisers Disinterest in Question*.

Insurers created the appraisal process to provide an efficient way to resolve disputes outside of the courtroom using disinterested experts, but lately insurer skepticism about appraiser impartiality has become a new source of litigation.

Badger said the appraisal process has no procedural rules or ethical guidelines.

As a result, a small group of fraudsters have realized they can manipulate the appraisal process for the financial gain of their clients and also for themselves, he said.

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