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Ulmer & Berne LLP

A full-service firm with over 185 attorneys, Ulmer & Berne LLP maintains four offices across the Midwest. The firm's Insurance Coverage Group has a vast understanding of the increasingly complex claims and issues regularly impacting insurers, including construction defects, concurrent causation, intentional conduct, fraud, bad faith "set-ups" and allocation of losses. Ulmer & Berne's attorneys regularly handle fraudulent arson and theft claims, coverage disputes, coverage opinions, and bad faith punitive damage claims. Having represented insurers for more than 50 years and maintaining one of the premier insurance and fire litigation practices in the Midwest, Ulmer & Berne attorneys regularly assist insurers in handling claims from inception through successful conclusion. They regularly supervise fire scene investigations, conduct examinations under oath, and prosecute and defend coverage litigation matters. The firm has a long standing history of shaping laws concerning insurance and

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PAVELKA v. ALLSTATE PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

Values for personal property used in previous bankruptcy case/filing does not present opportunity for judicial estoppel for different values for same property used in presentation for loss of property from fire claim.

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VAN ONG v. Fire Insurance Exchange

Trial court erred in concluding that a vacancy exclusion in policy for a loss from "vandalism or malicious mischief" applied to fire damage caused by a warming fire started by a transient that spread to other parts of the property.

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MTA v. State

This case involves a juvenile delinquency petition charging the appellant with second-degree felony arson after a shed behind his residence caught fire. State failed to prove that the appellant's actions were substantially certain to cause the shed to burn down finding that the State still carried the burden of proving that the appellant committed a crime, not that an accident occurred from an 11-year-old's poor judgment.

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CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORP. v. PULLOQUINGA

Examination of an award of plaintiff insured's attorney fees following a successful action against defendant insurance company for fire loss. Interesting review of the elements of an attorney fees award where the court found the case was

arson matters, having been involved in many of the leading insurance cases across Ohio and the Midwest. Additionally, the firm has attorneys that are Certified Fire and Explosion Investigators.

not “run of the mill” and justified payment of fees and other relief.

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