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**Upcoming Webinar**

**Beginner Insurance Representative and a Fire Claim:  
What to do when one comes across your desk.**

November 13th at 2:00 pm (eastern)

Presenter: Gerald T. Albrecht

Registration and more information coming soon!

**Fire Investigations**

**Appeals court affirms fraud in Basking Ridge house**

At trial the jury found that Allstate did not prove the fire was caused by arson but it did conclude the couple knowingly misrepresented material facts. A state appeals court on Tuesday upheld a jury verdict and a judgment that ordered them to pay \$807,981 under the state's Insurance Fraud Protection Act to Allstate New Jersey Insurance Co.

[www.dailyrecord.com](http://www.dailyrecord.com)

**Ex-state trooper, arson suspects to be tried together**

A former West Virginia state trooper and two men he is accused of hiring to burn down his home for an insurance payout will all stand trial together.

[www.herald-dispatch.com](http://www.herald-dispatch.com)

**Case Law**

**AMERICAN FAMILY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY v. ELECTROLUX HOME PRODUCTS, INC**

Case in which the appeals court reviewed challenges to testimony of three experts in a case involving an alleged defective dryer/appliance under *Daubert*. Challenges were granted in part and denied in part.

[scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)

**News/Interest**

**Chesco 'ninja' arrested in arson**

It's not uncommon for a guy to have an argument with his uncle. What's slightly more uncommon, however, is when said guy dresses up like a Japanese assassin and tries to kill his uncle with a hammer. Oh, and waits a year to do so after unsuccessfully burning down his uncle's business.

[www.philly.com](http://www.philly.com)

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