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**Case Law**

**ALASSAF v. TRAVELERS CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY**

Plaintiff alleges breach of contract and unreasonable denial of claim and the issues to be resolved include what constitutes a "proof of loss," plaintiff's standing to bring any action, and whether the insurer's denial violated Illinois law.

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**US v. FREIDEL**

Interesting criminal case about the public's interest in full restitution payment in light of potential settlement by directly impacted parties (including insurance company).

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**WIELAND v. THOMPSON**

Wieland's peculiar reaction to the near-death experience of his wife and children strengthened the inference that Wieland was the arsonist. After the third 1986 fire, Wieland appeared neither grateful to the passersby who helped save his family nor emotional about the serious danger and trauma his family had just experienced.

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