

BUSINESS INSURANCE CLAIMS & RECOVERY



FIRST-PARTY PROPERTY CLAIMS

At UHY Advisors, our experience in complex insurance issues enables our professionals to deliver a fully-integrated solution that combines forethought and planning with deep skills in forensic accounting, engineering, construction, fraud detection and prevention, and allows us to shepherd a successful claim process.

The following are examples of the types of cases we have handled for First-Party Property Claims, Appraisal/Litigation, Third-Party/Reinsurance Disputes and Fidelity Claims.

- We analyzed and documented property damage, business interruption, damaged research, fine arts losses, and electronic data losses for a major university following Hurricane Katrina. Our approach utilized a methodology and tools that tracked and documented millions of data points in a customized database that were used to file claims with both the carrier and FEMA. Ultimately, we documented claims of over \$500 million.
- We analyzed and quantified both the business interruption and property damage suffered by a steel manufacturer following the collapse of ductwork at one of its furnaces. We also identified an error in the insured's reported values that resulted in a \$10 million reduction in the deductible.
- Following a blackout in New York City, we helped a medical school prepare its insurance claim. The claim was originally prepared by another firm. After we were hired and revised the claim, the insured recovered 300% of the amount the other firm had originally requested and 600% of the amount the insurance company was originally willing to pay.
- Subsequent to the attacks on the World Trade Center, we assisted a large hotel in calculating its business interruption losses and property damage claim. We evaluated past performance, marketing strategy for mainline operations, and food and beverage operations for the restaurants within the hotel, as well as for the restaurant at the top of the World Trade Center. In addition, we prepared various analyses and coordinated all meetings with the insurance carrier representatives.
- A furnace explosion in a copper foundry caused a partial loss of operations. We evaluated the policy to assess the coverage and identify other limiting factors. We consulted with the insured to develop their business interruption claim, which involved quantifying the impact of closing the plant, permanently relocating operations and temporarily replacing lost capacity. In addition, we actively participated in negotiating the final settlement.

APPRAISAL LITIGATION

- Following Tropical Storm Allison in June, 2001, we assisted a major research institution in the Houston Medical Center in determining its insurable losses and preparing its insurance claim. The claim, which exceeded \$100 million, included quantifying R&D losses, business interruption losses, ingress/egress issues, and property damage. We ultimately testified as experts regarding the value of the insurable losses as the claim was litigated. As a result of our expertise, our client recovered 100% of the claimed amounts.
- After a fire partially destroyed an office tower, rendering the building uninhabitable for an undetermined length of time, we were hired by the insured to develop a claim for loss of property and rents. The carrier denied the claim and was sued. We helped the insured develop its claim for lost rents and evaluated the future potential rentals based on the rehabilitation of the building. In addition, we facilitated preparation of interim proofs of loss for property clean-up, stabilization and site monitoring.

PROVIDING EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS

THIRD-PARTY/ REINSURANCE DISPUTES

- After an order of rehabilitation, we were retained in a dispute between several insurance carriers to quantify amounts due under various reinsurance contracts. During the course of our analysis, we developed a statistical evaluation of recorded transactions, verified the accuracy of recorded balances, and refuted certain findings reported by the opposing expert. Our assistance resulted in obtaining a favorable settlement exceeding \$50 million.
- Following a denial of reinsurance by a Lloyds syndicate, we were hired by a domestic carrier to assess the losses associated with the denial, as well as the future lost profits due to the diminished writing capacity created by the denial and associated reduction in policyholder surplus. Our analysis included a review of the reinsurance contracts, as well as a detailed analysis of the underwriting performance by line of business to determine future lost profits. We ultimately testified in this matter and assisted our client in securing a favorable result.

FIDELITY CLAIMS

- UHY Advisors' Fraud and Forensic professionals, in coordination with our insurance experts, are able to bring in-depth experience and resources to fidelity claims. We have recently been involved in several high-profile investigations dealing with corporate theft, financial fraud, and other director and officer matters.

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