

Florida Supreme Court Deals Blow to Geico in 'Bad Faith' Dispute

In a case stemming from a fatal car accident a dozen years ago, the Florida Supreme Court has backed a jury's conclusion that GEICO General Insurance Co. acted in "bad faith" in the way it handled a customer's claim, reports *The Daytona Beach News-Journal*.

The 4-3 ruling came in a multimillion-dollar case that has been watched by the insurance industry and trial attorneys," writes reporter Jim Saunders. "The ruling reinstated a bad-faith verdict against GEICO after the 4th District Court of Appeal had overturned the jury's decision."

The court's opinion disputed the appeals court's conclusion that there was "insufficient" evidence that GEICO had acted in bad faith. It said that the appeals court had not properly applied legal precedents in its decision.

Read the *News-Journal* article.