

# Lawyer Deaths and Series of Tornadoes Don't Excuse Late Filing, Federal Judge Rules

"The unexpected deaths of two lawyers and a series of tornadoes don't excuse the late filing of an expert report on damages, a federal judge in Dallas has ruled," reports Debra Cassens Weiss in *ABA Journal's News*.

"Ruling on Friday, U.S. District Judge Ada Brown said the prejudice to defendant ADT Inc., a security company, outweighed the risk of harm to the plaintiff seeking to admit the late report."

"The expert initially estimated damages for interference with current and prospective contracts at about \$673,000 but later contended that ADT's wrongdoing caused total damages of about \$4.2 million. The later report will not be admitted, Brown ruled."

"The plaintiff, Premier Electronics, claims that ADT conspired to take over its contract to provide security alarm monitoring services to a new housing development and interfered with prospective contracts in other developments, according to Brown's opinion."

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