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**SUIT CLAIMS FARMERS GROUP HASN'T PAID POLICYHOLDERS
FOR STATION FIRE DAMAGES IN CALIFORNIA**

The Associated Press reported on August 17, 2010, that Kabateck Brown Kellner had filed suit against Farmers Group, Inc., for failing to pay or underpaying claims of more than 1,500 families whose homes were damaged by last year's massive Station Fire near Los Angeles.

Farmers denied or minimized claims to boost its bottom line, said Brian Kabateck, an attorney for the plaintiffs, adding the average loss among homeowners named in the lawsuit was \$25,000 to \$50,000. "Once again, it appears Farmers has engaged in the egregious practice of denying or underpaying claims, simply to frustrate policyholders and discourage them from seeking the compensation they deserve," Kabateck said.