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### **THE SAN DIEGO AFFILIATE OF NBC NEWS REPORTS ON A NEW ROUND OF FIRESTORM CASES**

On February 25, NBC-7, the San Diego affiliate of NBC News, reported that three dozen San Diego homeowners have filed suit against their insurer for claims relating to the October 2007 wildfires. The homeowners are suing Farmers Group over allegations that the insurer denied claims and "lowballed" estimates for damages caused by soot, ash, charring and wind. The suits were filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court and seek unspecified damages, interest and expenses relating to the fires. The plaintiffs are represented by Los Angeles-based Kabateck Brown Kellner LLP, which has brought similar cases on behalf of policyholders whose homes were damaged by the Los Angeles-area fires of 2008.

"I'm not really after any big amount of money," said plaintiff Daniel Vanguardia. "But I'm after what the damages are. That's all I care about."