



## *Florida's costly legal system trumps expenses in other states, Tampa Business Journal, quotes by Joseph Miele, Esq., 11-30-2022*

*Florida has earned a reputation as a litigious state with some of the busiest courthouses in the nation..*

*According to an attorney at South Florida law firm Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck, "carriers are facing an onslaught of litigation unlike anyplace else in the country."*

**Joe Miele, who represents insurers in claims disputes, said insurance companies "just don't feel like they can get a fair shake in Florida, whether in the court system or as the result of jury perceptions."**

*One-way attorney fees, or when the loser in a lawsuit has to pay the other side's legal fees, are driving much of the litigation against insurers, he said. Plaintiff's attorney fees can reach between 30% and 50% of the total value of the settlement amount, according to Miele, and it's not uncommon for an experienced attorney to charge an hourly rate of \$400 an hour and beyond.*

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