

# INSURANCE JOURNAL QUOTES INSURANCE TEAM IN, "CONSUMER ADVOCATE, FLORIDA TRIAL LAWYERS CONCERNED ABOUT ARBITRATION IN CLAIMS DISPUTES"

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"If the two sides can't agree on an arbitrator, which must be a lawyer or retired judge, then either party can ask the circuit court to appoint one. The insurer will pay the arbitrator's fee and filing fee. But the company will not pay the insured's attorneys fees, something Carter and trial lawyers have criticized."

"That can be expensive for the policyholder," said Gina Clausen Lozier, of West Palm Beach, a former insurance attorney who now represents first-party claimants. She said that arbitration in claims disputes is being seen around the state as another method insurers are using to cut out attorneys' fees and costs."

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