

## 1: U.S. District Court – Western District of Texas

*Notice of Appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit From a Judgment or Order of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Form 5 Petition for Review or Appeal of an Order or Decision of an Agency, Board, Commission, or Officer.*

Carl Ellsworth Paul, Jr. Carriers was insured by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. The accident was reported to Liberty on January 9, , by its insured, and Liberty undertook an investigation of the circumstances of the accident. On September 25, , the Wests filed suit against the truck driver and M. Liberty was not a named defendant in the complaint. The settlement and release agreement provided in paragraph one, titled "Release and Discharge": In consideration of the payments set forth in Section 2, Plaintiffs hereby completely release and forever discharge Charles Merritt Stevenson, M. This release, on the part of the Plaintiffs, shall be a fully binding and complete settlement among the Plaintiffs, the Defendants and the Insurer, and their heirs, assigns and successors. The Plaintiffs agree to defend, indemnify and hold the Defendants and Insurer harmless from and against all such claims, demands, obligations, actions, causes of action, damages, costs and expenses. The Plaintiffs acknowledge and agree that the release and discharge set forth above is a general release. The Plaintiffs further agree that Plaintiffs have accepted payment of the sums specified herein as a complete compromise of matters involving disputed issues of law and fact. Plaintiffs assume the risk that the facts or law may be other than Plaintiffs believe. It is understood and agreed to by the parties that this settlement is a compromise of a doubtful and disputed claim, and the payments are not to be construed as an admission of liability on the part of the Defendants, by whom liability is expressly denied. Five days later, on July 15, , the Wests filed this suit against Liberty under Sec. The district court granted summary judgment to Liberty on both of these grounds. Because we agree with the district court that this claim is barred by the release provisions of the settlement agreement, we affirm on that ground and do not reach the question whether there must be a determination of liability prior to pursuit of a bad faith settlement claim. The language of the agreement in this case is clear and unambiguous, and releases Liberty from liability for "any and all claims;" there is no allegation that the agreement was entered into because of fraud or duress, or that it is in contravention of law or public policy. The Wests were represented by counsel during the negotiation of the settlement and, by all accounts, the parties were aware of and consented to the language in the agreement. See Grant County Sav. The Wests first argue that the release does not apply to Liberty because it was not a named party in the underlying lawsuit. Relying on language in the introductory recitals to the agreement, which refer to settlement of "all claims which are, or might have been the subject of the Complaint," J. Under West Virginia law, however, recitals to an agreement are "not There is no indication in the agreement that the parties intended the recitals to be part of the settlement and release, therefore the recital language relied on by the Wests is immaterial to the scope of the release. The language of the release controls and it indisputably bars this claim. Charleston Area Medical Ctr. According to the Wests, there was no discussion during the settlement negotiations of settling any statutory bad faith claims against Liberty, and the Wests only intended to settle the claims in the underlying suit. Here, the Wests have failed to allege any circumstances surrounding the execution of the release demonstrating anything other than an unqualified intent to enter into a general release of all claims against Liberty Mutual. See Virginia Impression Prod. Accordingly, the Wests are bound by the release, and enforcement of this release bars their unfair settlement practices claim against Liberty. For the foregoing reasons, the judgment of the district court in favor of Liberty Mutual is affirmed. The settlement agreement provides in paragraph 12 that it "shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of West Virginia. February 16, , regarding virtually the same legal question. The question as certified by the district court is: Because the Wests filed this suit within five days of the execution of the settlement agreement, it is difficult to conclude that they did not contemplate this bad faith claim Search this Case.

## 2: Forms | US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

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### 3: Forms | Western District of Wisconsin | United States District Court

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### 5: United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

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### 7: Filing an Appeal | Western District of Washington | United States District Court

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### 8: Federal Court Forms – Court Forms

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