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interest. All contacts had with the attorney for the plaintiff should be by the trial attorney representing the company and if there is any exception to this rule it should be that the adjuster may contact the attorney for the plaintiff only with the knowledge and approval of the company's counsel. It has been my experience that once a lawsuit is filed and counsel for plaintiff have been notified that the company is represented by counsel, the attorney for plaintiff will in most, if not all, instances refuse to negotiate with an adjuster. I further believe that better results are attained by permitting the negotiations to be conducted only by the attorneys. Of course, this is purely a question of policy and, perhaps, my comment is prompted by the fact I have always felt the ultimate responsibility for the handling of a lawsuit rests on the attorney.

The publisher describes Mr. Magarick's book by saying: "This book will help you, whether you are an experienced claims man or a novice, to do a better job in investigating and reporting casualty claims." The statement is descriptive of both the subject matter and the readers who will find the book helpful. I believe the book should have the widespread approval of the insurance industry for use in training schools conducted for field representatives since it is a well-organized treatise on the subject of handling casualty claims from the insurer's standpoint. I also believe the book will be of interest to attorneys whose experience has not yet led them into the defense of casualty insurance claims.

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