## Insurance Update 2018



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## **Insurance Update 2018**



- Editor in Chief of The Journal of Texas Insurance Law (2013-2016).
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- Author: "Coverage for Ensuing Water Damage under Texas Property Insurance Policies," South Texas Law Review 46, no. 4 (Summer 2005) 1247-1281.
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## CONDITIONS



- Separately listed as such
- Require action by insured
- Are waivable
- Are excusable
- Substantial compliance
- Abatement = remedy

## **EXCLUSIONS**

- Were waivable in liability policies under *Tilley* and "the Wilkinson Exception"
- "it follows from these general principles that, if an insurer assumes the insured's defense without obtaining a reservation of rights or a non-waiver agreement and with knowledge of the facts indicating noncoverage, all policy defenses, including those of noncoverage, are waived, or the insurer may be estopped from raising them."
- Texas County Mutual Insurance Co. v. Wilkinson, 601 S.W.2d 520 @ 523
   (Tex.Civ.App.-Austin 1980, writ ref'd n.r.e.)



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