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Expert Analysis Article: Why the Specter of Social Inflation is Haunting Insurers

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Scott Seaman, Kevin Burke, Judy Selby, and Pedro Hernandez recently authored a *Law360* Expert Analysis article titled "The Legal Trends Behind 'Social Inflation' in Insurance."

Social inflation has generated considerable buzz among insurers recently. In a recent *Wall Street Journal* article, social inflation was described as "an upward creep in perceptions by an injured party of what they are owed, [and] their willingness to pursue that via the legal system."

The authors examine the traditional factors responsible for social inflation in the U.S. civil justice system, as well as more recent social factors fueling the phenomenon. They also assess the impact on insurers and the steps they are taking to combat social inflation.

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Seaman, and Simon Laird of RPC, were also recently quoted [in an *Insurance Post* story](#) regarding the prospect of U.S.-style social inflation of insurance claims costs making its presence felt in the United Kingdom.

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