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Review

Allstate Corp., fresh from fending off criticism about its response to policyholders affected by Hurricane Katrina, faces another potential storm, this one from an author [David J. Berardinelli] who claims the insurer is forcing policyholders to accept prompt but lower payouts or risk time-consuming and expensive litigation...The book [tells how and why] the nationÂ´s second-largest home and auto insurer treats some policyholders with boxing gloves during their time of financial and personal duress, rather than the reassuringly familiar good hands highlighted in its advertising. ----Chicago Tribune, Author Throws a Punch at Allstate; May 3, 2006

It's the story Allstate doesn't want told. --BusinessWeek, In Tough Hands With Allstate, May 1, 2006

This book delves deep into the dark heart of the profit-boosting strategies that efficiency consulting firm McKinsey & Company cooked up with Allstate and the dramatic negative impact they have had on policyholders.... They created a plan for Allstate's claims operations known as the Claims Core Process Redesign or simply CCPR...To date, CCPR has generated between \$15 to \$25 billion in excess profits for Allstate's stockholders. It has also generated a national firestorm of bad faith litigation. This estimate is based on Allstate's annual statements showing an increase in surplus from \$4.5 billion in 1992 before CCPR to a staggering \$21.8 billion in 2004 with an additional \$14 billion distributed in that time as shareholder dividends. Allstate has consistently refused to state how much extra profit CCPR generated. However, in 2004 Allstate claims its net income rose to a record \$3.1 billion, despite 4 hurricanes in the Southeastern United States. --United Policy Holders

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David Berardinelli is an attorney specializing in insurance law. He graduated from Santa Clara University Law School in 1974. After five years as a criminal prosecutor, he went into private practice. Berardinelli participates in legal organizations including the New Mexico Trial Layers Association, the American Academy of Trial Advocacy, and the American Association of Justice. And editor of the New Mexico Trial Lawyer, and a lecturer to legal audiences, he also publishes a regular column on insurance bad faith. He is the attorney who sued Allstate and uncovered the infamous McKinsey Slides. From this experience, Berardinelli authored From Good Hands to Boxing Gloves: How Allstate Changed Casualty Insurance in America.

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