Social Inflation & Restoration Litigation (2026): Post-AOB Contracts, Carrier Delay Tactics & Scope Defense

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Direct Answer: Updated: November 10, 2026 — Comprehensive contractor legal defense manual. Expanded post-AOB contract instruments, statutory prompt-payment enforcement (Texas Insurance Code Chapter 542 / Florida § 627.70131), carrier SIU delay counter-tactics, and the Appraisal Clause vs. litigation strategic decision matrix. Legal.

Field Benchmark & Decision Matrix

Operational Stage	Field Focus in This Guide	Documentation Requirement	Verification Gate
1. 1. The Post-AOB Legal Landscape: Why	Updated: November 10, 2026 — Comprehensive contractor legal defense manual. Expanded.	Timestamped photos, measurements & scope notes	Cross-check against primary standard prior to submission
2. 2. The 4-Tier Contractor Legal Instrument	Legal Notice: This article provides operational, business, and claims management.	Timestamped photos, measurements & scope notes	Cross-check against primary standard prior to submission
3. 3. Defeating Carrier Delay Tactics &	The restoration industry is locked in an escalating legal war driven by social.	Timestamped photos, measurements & scope notes	Cross-check against primary standard prior to submission
4. 4. The Appraisal Clause vs. Litigation	For decades, emergency mitigation contractors operated under the Assignment of.	Timestamped photos, measurements & scope notes	Cross-check against primary standard prior to submission

Practitioner Operational Takeaways

• Confirm scope boundaries and loss classification for: Social Inflation & Restoration Litigation (2026): Post-AOB Contracts.

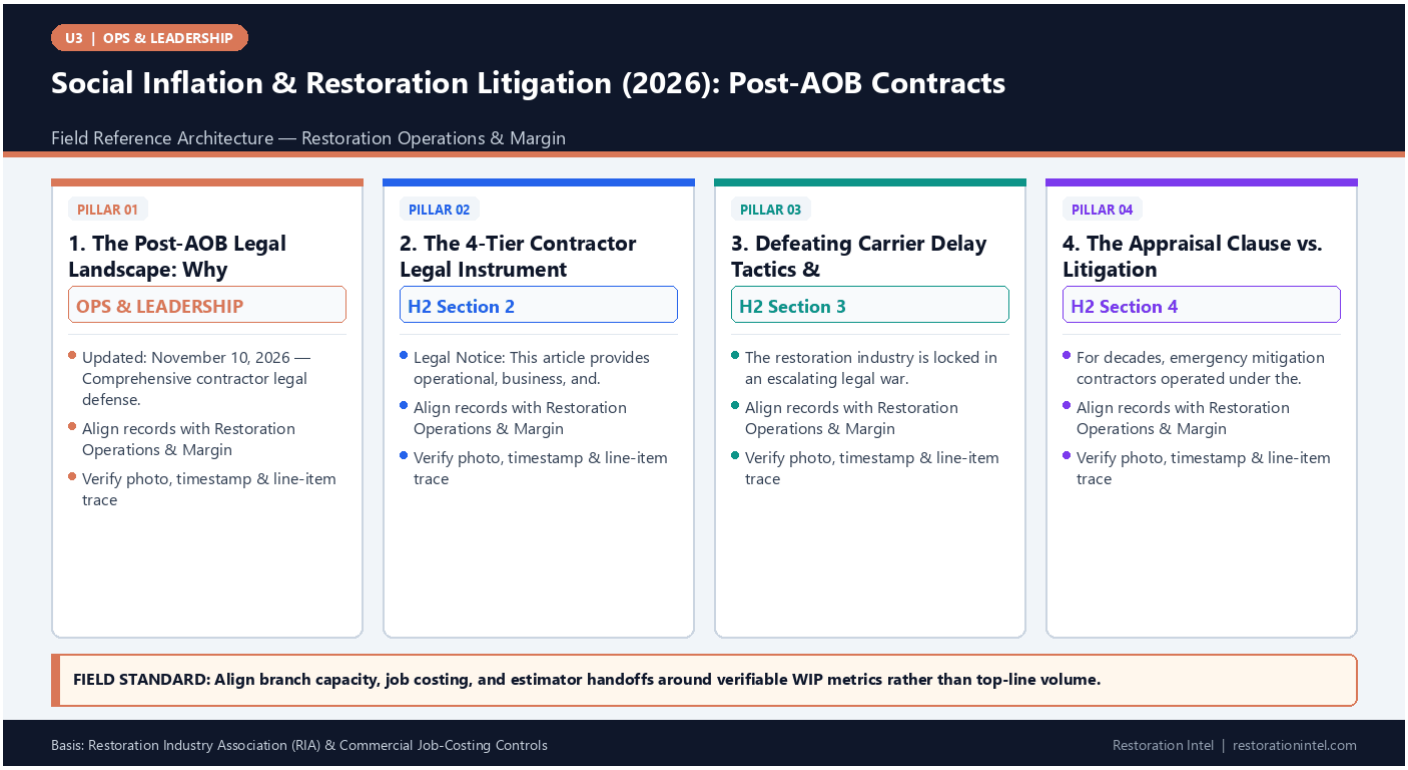
• Capture timestamped field photos, measurements, and serial/assembly notes before mobilization or tear-out.

• Tie every line item or operational recommendation to primary references (Restoration Industry Association (RIA), OSHA 1910.132 Personal Protective Equipment Standard).

• Verify internal cross-links and preserve all customer intake/compliance forms intact on the canonical page.

• Export and attach the Print-First PDF field brief and verify the sibling Markdown twin (.md) resolves HTTP 200.

Visual Workflow & Benchmark Summary



Companion Endpoints & Verified Primary Sources

- **Markdown Twin (plain text):** https://restorationintel.com/social-inflation-restoration-litigation-nuclear-verdicts-2026.md
- **Restoration Industry Association (RIA):** https://www.restorationindustry.org/
- **OSHA 1910.132 Personal Protective Equipment Standard:** https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.132
- **Verisk Xactimate Estimating Platform:** https://www.verisk.com/products/xactimate/