

Project: Louisiana Superdome
Client: Bridgestone-Firestone and Hamblin, Griffin and Khoenke, PA

LBFG Staff:

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The Problem:

Liberty Building Forensics Group® (Liberty) was retained to do an analysis and provide an opinion on the repairs and repair costs of the Louisiana Superdome after Hurricane Katrina. Our main effort was focused on the costs pertaining to the damage related to the EPDM membrane (roof membrane) during Hurricane Katrina.

The Solution:

Liberty provided an opinion of allocation of damages based upon an assessment of thousands of documents from the reconstruction of the facility. Liberty, using a written and photographic record of the post-hurricane damage, calculated the amount of damage to the facility from the rain, occupants, and post-storm flooding. This was used to opine on the amount of physical and financial damage and responsibility for each party.

The Challenge:

Claims against Roofing Manufacturer for roof failure during Hurricane Katrina.

The Solution:

LBFG served as the defense expert for the roofing manufacturer and provided testimony related to damages.

The Results:

Claim was over \$100M—
Result was favorable for our client.

