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William Droze, a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's Environmental + Natural Resources Practice Group, was quoted in the January 14, 2025 *Corporate Knights* article, "[Do 'Act of God' Clauses Still Work in the Era of Climate Change?](#)"

One way of tracking the increase in force majeure claims is by looking at the number of weather events with more than a billion dollars in damages, as the two tend to correlate closely, says William Droze, a partner at Troutman Pepper, a U.S.-based law firm. Data from the National Centers for Environmental Information shows that billion-plus events occurred on average 5.6 times per year in the 1990s, compared to 20.4 times per year over the last half-decade. In 2023, there were 28.

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