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EXPERIENCE

Jim Schelich is a Senior Building Consultant at RMC Group with nearly 20 years of experience in the claims industry, specializing in complex property losses and catastrophe response. His expertise spans high-rise commercial buildings, religious facilities, and residential properties, where he excels in damage assessment, scope development, and cost estimation. Jim's technical precision and collaborative approach have made him a trusted liaison among desk adjusters, contractors, and specialty vendors, ensuring efficient project execution and timely claim resolution, highlighting his strong negotiation skills and commitment to achieving optimal outcomes for all stakeholders involved.

From tornado-ravaged commercial districts to fire-damaged homes and churches, Jim brings a steady hand to high-pressure environments. He has led multi-disciplinary teams through recovery efforts involving structural engineers, abatement crews, and environmental specialists, always maintaining clear communication and stakeholder alignment. Whether restoring a 30-story vandalized office tower or coordinating repairs for a multi-building church complex, Jim's work reflects a deep commitment to minimizing disruption and helping communities rebuild with confidence and care.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- RMC Group, Senior Building Consultant
2024 to Present
- American Family Insurance, Complex Claims Adjuster
2018 to 2024
- American Family Insurance, Senior Catastrophe Field Claims Representative
2009 to 2018
- American Family Insurance, Customer Care Representative
2006 to 2009
- Rabco Midwest Inc, Sales Representative
2003 to 2009

FEATURED PROJECTS

- **Tornado, St. Louis, MO - 2025**
Following a destructive tornado event in North St. Louis that impacted a strip mall, multiple commercial offices, and surrounding buildings, Jim served as lead consultant. He conducted thorough structural assessments and developed detailed cost estimates across the affected properties, coordinating closely with desk adjusters, independent adjusters, and specialty vendors. Leadership exemplified by Jim ensured recovery protocols were clearly defined, and restoration timelines were met, helping businesses resume operations swiftly despite the scale of devastation. Through thorough structural assessments, Jim prepared detailed cost estimates for extensive tornado damage totaling \$10M across multiple commercial properties.
- **Wind, High Rise Hotel - 2025**
Jim served as principal consultant for a wind damage assessment at a high-rise hotel under construction. He evaluated the structural impact to the building envelope and coordination systems, working closely with construction management teams and insurance carriers to define the scope of repairs. Ensuring restoration protocols were aligned with ongoing construction schedules, structural engineers and builder's risk policy experts coordinated with Jim, who minimized delays and preserved project integrity.
- **Vandalism, High Rise Office Building- 2024**
Jim managed the comprehensive damage assessment of a 30-story high-rise office building following extensive exterior and interior vandalism. Having conducted floor-by-floor evaluations across multiple office units, he collaborated with building management and security teams and developed a detailed restoration scope estimated to be over \$1M. His oversight ensured minimal business interruption for occupied tenants while maintaining that alignment with insurance carriers and restoration contractors throughout the recovery process was a testament to the commitment to excellence and care for the tenants' well-being.

FEATURED PROJECTS CONTINUED

• Strom, Church Complex - 2024

A multi-building church complex was impacted by widespread storm damage, and Jim ran assessments and inspections for 10 affected structures. He directed a team of consultants and coordinated with general contractors, HVAC specialists, roofing crews, asbestos abatement teams, and industrial hygiene vendors to develop a comprehensive restoration plan. Facilitating agreement negotiations with general contractors, Jim helped establish a restoration scope valued at \$4M, ensuring alignment with safety standards, insurance expectations, and the operational needs of the community.

• Fire, Residential Property - 2024

As principal consultant, Jim led the comprehensive damage assessment and restoration planning for a luxury residential property impacted by fire, with estimated damages exceeding \$2.5M. He collaborated alongside environmentalist crews, contents specialists, and reconstruction contractors to evaluate structural integrity, assess environmental hazards, and define a scope of repair that aligned with mitigation strategies and construction cost constraints. Acting as liaison between project teams and insurance carrier clients, Jim ensured expert budgeting and oversight, coordinated abatement and debris removal budgets and timelines, and maintained strict adherence to business interruption protocols, all within set NTE thresholds.

• Fire, Church Facility - 2021

A fire loss at a multi-structure religious facility, where damages exceeded \$1M, was led by Jim as principal consultant, bringing calm leadership to a community in distress. Environmental consultants, structural specialists, and restoration teams joined forces with Jim to perform a thorough property inspection. Safety protocols and ecological considerations were prioritized as they devised a repair strategy that met risk mitigation guidelines and adhered to set financial limits. By mediating between insurers and project crews, he oversaw budget planning, synchronized debris cleanup and abatement schedules, and helped finalize restoration agreements, all managed within predetermined cost boundaries.

• Tornado Damage, Commercial Lumber Yard - 2024

Extensive tornado-related structural and inventory damage at a commercial lumber yard was assessed and managed by Jim as principal consultant. He partnered with specialty contractors and equipment vendors to evaluate building integrity, outdoor inventory losses, and operational disruptions, while addressing safety and environmental concerns. Through expert budgeting and oversight, all within established cost ceilings (NTE), Jim orchestrated abatement and debris management schedules, developed a comprehensive restoration protocol, and ensured alignment with mitigation plans and construction cost constraints.