



Brian Willes

MBA

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Department

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Locations

Chicago, IL

Milwaukee, WI

Indianapolis, IN

Biography

Brian Willes is a Senior Regional Consultant at YA Group with nearly a decade of experience in evaluating, negotiating, and assisting the settlement of property insurance claims. Brian provides expert guidance on complex residential and commercial losses.

He has successfully managed thousands of claims and overseen restoration projects involving single-family homes, multi-family complexes, restaurants, hospitals, and churches. His core competencies include appraisal, property damage assessments, development and evaluation of reconstruction scopes, project management, and on-site monitoring. Brian has played a key role in numerous major loss assignments nationwide, ensuring accurate scope generation and efficient resolution of high-value claims.

Credentials

- MBA
- FAA Certified Drone Pilot
- HAAG Certified Inspector - Residential
- HAAG Certified Inspector - Commercial
- IICRC - FSRT (Fire Smoke RT)
- IICRC - OCT (Odor Control Tech)
- Occupational Safety & Health Administration Certificate

Representative Consulting Assignments

- Active Living Community (30+ Structures) | Wind/Hail | \$5M
- Ethanol Plant | Fire | \$9M
- Major Municipality (120+ Structures) | Wind/Hail | \$6M
- Manufacturing Facility | Microburst | \$20M
- Paper Manufacturer | Fire | \$40M
- Restort (50+ Structures) | Wind/Hail | \$30M
- Resort (60+ Structures) | Hurricane | \$50M
- Solar Farm | Tornado | \$20M
- Wastewater Treatment Plant | Explosion | \$3M

Professional Experience

- 2025 - Current | Senior Regional Consultant | YA Group
- 2021 - 2025 | Assistant Vice President | J.S. Held LLC
- 2017 - 2021 | Reconstruction Estimator | Various Restoration Companies
- 2016 - 2017 | Installer | Eveready Flood Control, Ltd.
- 2012 - 2016 | Sergeant (0621) | United States Marine Corps

Education

- Northern Illinois University (NIU) - Master of Business Administration - Dekalb - Illinois
- Northern Illinois University (NIU) - Certificate of Graduate Study -

Managerial Leadership - Dekalb - Illinois

- Bachelor of Science - Technical Management - Chicago - Illinois

Affiliations

- Member - National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA)