

Professional Liability Litigation

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Specialized Care for Professional Liability Claims

We are professionals just like you, so we understand the challenges of practicing in a fast-paced environment and meeting client expectations. Occasionally, you may be unable to meet those demands, and a client will bring a claim or lawsuit against you, or a professional licensing agency will bring disciplinary charges. Whether or not the claim or charge has merit, its effects can be devastating – financially, professionally, and personally.

Our Professional Liability Group appreciates the sensitivity of these issues and the consequences they can have on your practice. You want the most experienced counsel available on your side who can resolve these matters as quickly and confidentially as possible through creative settlement or trial, when necessary. We have the experience to know which cases can be settled at an early stage, and the skill and imagination to reach the appropriate settlement. We also have the experience to know which cases need to be aggressively defended, and in those cases, we are prepared to represent you vigorously through trials and appeals.

Prompt Confidential Claim Resolution

We represent a wide range of non-health related professionals, including:

- Lawyers
- Accountants
- Broker-Dealers
- Insurance Advisors
- Real Estate Agents
- Architects and Engineers
- Directors and Officers
- Actuaries
- Teachers
- Clergy

Our services include representation in state and federal courts, disciplinary boards, and arbitration tribunals. We have worked with most of the major professional liability insurers, and are set up to comply with insurers' guidelines regarding reporting, budgeting, and billing. Our goal is always to try to achieve the best, fastest, and most cost-effective results.

Counsel of Choice for Over 40 Years

As the preeminent professional liability defense firm in Boston for over 40 years, our depth of experience is unparalleled. We have tried more professional liability cases and argued more appeals than any other firm in New England, and have been responsible for some of the seminal legal malpractice appellate cases. We have written the standard Massachusetts texts on legal and accounting malpractice, the use of expert witnesses in professional liability cases, and the standard Superior Court jury instructions for legal, accounting, and architectural malpractice.

At the forefront of professional liability law, we are viewed as leaders in this highly specialized practice area:

- Our attorneys have served on the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers and several others have served as hearing officers for the Board, giving them a unique insight into the lawyer disciplinary process in Massachusetts
- Designated a “Tier 1” firm by “Best Law Firms,” *U.S. News & World Report* Rankings in the area of legal malpractice defense
- Recognized as “Lawyer of the Year” in legal malpractice defense by *Best Lawyers in America*
- Recognized by *Super Lawyers*
- AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Members of the American Board of Trial Advocates