

Professional Liability Defense

The firm's professional liability lawyers stresses communication, teamwork and efficiency. We understand the best possible results are achieved only when the defense attorney, the client/insured and the claims specialist work together.

Because a claim may be the first time an insured has been sued, we will earn the insured's trust by involving them in the decision-making process and taking time to explain why a particular action should be taken. Our professional liability attorneys emphasize early and aggressive intervention in an attempt to resolve claims as quickly as possible. We also appreciate the effectiveness and value of the mediation process as a possible means of avoiding litigation.

The firm's professional liability lawyers recognize their duty to the insured and the value of the commercial relationship between the insured and the insurance carrier.

Communication Is Key

Our professional liability attorneys are available to provide seminars and educational materials when requested by loss-prevention teams and/or underwriters, providing the most up-to-date information when needed most.

The firm incorporates the latest technical advances to ensure that our legal services are delivered to the client in the most cost-effective, timely and convenient manner possible.

To ensure efficient service to our clients, we can employ - as a case requires - computerized document control systems to manage complex litigation, saving time in research (and saving our clients' money). We utilize systems for online document sharing and e-mail for information exchange. In the courtroom, we employ cutting-edge trial presentation technology, including PowerPoint, Sanction software, video and computer simulations, in order to help communicate the client's case to the fact-finder, whether jury, judge or arbitration panel.

We are familiar with and abide by defense counsel guidelines. We employ an automated status report system, which ensures the client is advised of the status of a case at least every 30 days or as often as requested.

Experience You Can Trust

The firm is approved panel counsel for a number of professional liability insurance carriers, including CNA, AIG, XL, Zurich and Lexington and Hanover. We handle claims in Central Florida and throughout the state. We also have served as "smoke jumpers," monitoring litigation and providing support in major cases throughout the country as requested by the carrier.

The firm handles a full range of insurance defense matters, including commercial, general liability, automobile casualty, real estate broker and malpractice. We also handle a variety of professional malpractice, including medical, dental, legal, accountant, surveyor, architect and engineer malpractice claims. In addition, we handle first- and third-party coverage disputes,

including coverage opinions and bringing coverage declaratory judgment actions as necessary. Finally, we have a strong practice in handling maritime and admiralty claims.

Our professional liability lawyers are admitted to practice at every level of the state and federal court system in Florida. If a case is referred to the appellate level, our attorneys are experienced in representing clients both as appellees and appellants.