

## LITIGATION:

Commercial  
 Constitutional: Media  
 Law / First Amendment  
 Drug & Medical Device  
 Employee Benefits  
 Employment Law  
 Federal Court  
 Insurance  
 Intellectual Property  
 Maritime  
 Product Liability  
 Professional Liability

## Professional Liability

Over the years we have represented attorneys, clergymen, dentists, engineers, anesthesiologists, psychiatrists, real estate agents, and other professionals in cases alleging negligence or malpractice. Professional liability cases can be extremely sensitive. The defendant's career is often on the line. The mere assertion of negligence or malpractice can be enough to cause long-lasting damage to a professional name. An adverse judgment can be devastating. We explore ways to resolve professional liability disputes in the early stages with minimum publicity or, where that is not possible, we vigorously defend the cases using the best local experts to testify as to the prevailing standards of care.

- Defended a civil engineering firm against claims of negligence in the preparation of plans for a municipal sewer system and negligent supervision of construction; claim settled for modest amount and defense costs recovered.
- Successfully defended several physicians against claims filed by disgruntled patients with Department of Health, Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline; each claim dismissed with no adverse action taken against any physician.
- Defended an architect to have negligently commissioned and reviewed structural integrity inspection, resulting in cost overruns on extensive commercial rehab; our client was exonerated based on latent conditions which could not have been detected using professional standard of care.
- Defended a psychiatrist against claim he entered into personal relationship with patient while treating her; claim settled and confidentiality agreement executed by all parties.
- Defended an anesthesiologist in hospital disciplinary panel proceeding against claim that psychological condition put obstetrics patients at risk; achieved specific finding that physician posed no risk to patients.



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 1947 World Series"  
 by Dean Richardson