

## Professional Liability

Our professional liability practice group offers service and experience in all aspects of professional liability, including conflict avoidance through counseling, dispute resolution through mediation and arbitration, representation in actual or threatened litigation, and representation in professional licensing and disciplinary proceedings.

Our experience in all areas of civil practice, whether transactional or litigation, allows group members to provide the highest level of representation, regardless of the nature of the dispute in which the attorney or other professional is involved. The ability to draw upon the extensive skills of attorneys in other practice areas, to address distinct but related issues, provides a major benefit to our clients.

### LEADERSHIP



PROFESSIONAL  
LIABILITY

BUSINESS  
LITIGATION

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### ABILITY TO ANALYZE INSURANCE ISSUES

Most professionals are covered by errors and omissions or similar insurance policies. Depending on the nature of claims alleged, the professional may need guidance on coverage issues, the insurer's duties to defend and indemnify, and how to deal with coverage problems that arise. Our attorneys analyze insurance coverage issues and counsel both clients and insurers in professional liability cases.

### ACCOUNTING MALPRACTICE

Our attorneys have experience in representing accountants in disciplinary actions and lawsuits arising out of tax advice, audits, tax return preparation and other areas of the accounting practice. Our tax practice section, which handles all facets of state and federal taxation, provides a valuable resource when advising clients or litigating complex tax cases. Our

relationships with local, regional and national accounting firms also provides an invaluable resource for locating expert witnesses when they are needed.

## **LEGAL MALPRACTICE**

We offer general loss prevention advice and counsel clients in the avoidance of specific legal malpractice claims when issues arise presenting that possibility. Through counseling, we have helped many attorneys defuse troublesome situations and avoid the problems that can result. When disputes do progress to litigation, our attorneys have extensive experience representing clients in arbitration, mediation, and state and federal court litigation. Few other firms match our level of trial experience in this area.

## **OTHER TYPES OF PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY**

In addition to legal and accounting malpractice, our attorneys represent other professionals, from engineers, to architects, to environmental consultants. Our experience allows us to provide the highest level of representation to any type of professional faced with a legal problem or lawsuit.

## **REPRESENTATION IN STATE BAR PROCEEDINGS**

Our practice group includes former [State Bar of Arizona](#) and [Maricopa](#) and [Pima County Bar](#) presidents and attorneys who have served on the State Bar's discipline and professional conduct committees. We have represented attorneys and judges, as well as the State Bar of Arizona, in all aspects of disciplinary matters that often accompany or precede legal malpractice litigation. Our ability to represent attorneys in legal malpractice litigation, State Bar proceedings, and ethics counseling has proven to be exceptionally valuable assets.