Professional Services

Protecting Professionals

Professional negligence involves a breach of the duty of care owed by professionals to their clients. In these situations, a client can expect a level of professionalism and adherence to the standards commonly held by those in that profession. The most widely known form of professional negligence is medical malpractice, however, any instance where a client relies on a professional to fulfill his or her duty of care can be a form of professional negligence if the professional commits a breach of their duty.

The attorneys at Conroy Simberg have a long and successful track record of representing individuals and organizations operating across the professional services industry. For example, our clients include the following categories of professionals:

- **Accountants** - Our representation of these individuals includes defending accountants and auditors who allegedly fail to use the requisite skill and professional care of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) or generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS) allegedly cause damages to their clients or third parties;
- **Architects and Engineers** - Individuals in these areas are required to comply with statutory and common law duties that comprise the standard of care applicable to their positions. Often, when a project in which they are involved encounters problems, they are often whether the cause of the problem is or is not attributable to their work. Our knowledge of these areas places us in a superior position to represent their individuals;
- **Insurance Agents and Brokers** - As attorneys who regularly work in the insurance area, we are in a unique position to represent insurance agents and/or brokers who are accused of failing to provide the appropriate coverage for their clients;
- **Lawyers** - We have represented lawyers in all fields of the legal professional who are accused of neglecting a reasonable duty owed their clients which causes them damage. In each of these cases, our attorneys become knowledgeable of the specific area of law in which our clients practice to enable us to fully understand and defend these attorneys who are accused of legal malpractice;
- **Real Estate Professionals and Title Agents** - The serious problems associated with the real estate industry have resulted in a significant increase in claims against real estate professionals and title agents by individuals who have lost money in their investments and seek to recoup some of their losses from third parties, including the real estate professionals and title agents who were associated with these properties. Our attorneys have had extensive experience in representing these various professionals.

Numerous challenges and pressures confront these professionals, both in the daily performance of their duties and when legal issues arise. Lawsuits and legal claims not only impact our clients' businesses and finances, but they can also seriously damage their professional reputations and threaten their ability to continue working successfully in their chosen field. Our experience and knowledge in these fields provides professionals with the representation they need and rely.

As a full-service civil defense firm, Conroy Simberg works to protect and defend members of the professional services industry in a wide range of legal matters, including:

- Professional liability claims
- General liability and casualty claims
- Premises liability claims
- Property claims
- Intellectual property cases
- Employment disputes
- Workers' compensation actions
- Directors and officers liability cases
- Commercial litigation disputes

Cost-Effective Results

Conroy Simberg is well recognized as a results-oriented law firm. Our attorneys strive to achieve optimal outcomes in a cost-effective and efficient manner. We know that our clients are busy professionals who do not have the time to deal with long and protracted courtroom battles. At the onset of any litigation, our attorneys thoroughly review and investigate all claims against our client. We evaluate potential liability and discuss all viable defenses. Our legal team maintains constant communication with our clients and strives to make certain that they are as informed as possible about their legal matters.

While we attempt to resolve cases through skillful negotiation, our firm knows how to prepare and take a case to trial. Our attorneys are seasoned trial lawyers with decades of experience representing professionals before federal and state courts, including all levels of appeals. We understand that legal proceedings can be confusing and frustrating for our professional

services clients. We help clients navigate each stage of litigation, carefully explain complex laws and legal procedures and work closely with clients to develop strategies that bring the case to a prompt and successful conclusion.

Proactive Legal Team

At Conroy Simberg we understand that lawsuits and threats of legal action can have serious and long-lasting repercussions for clients working in all types of professional fields. We proactively work with our clients to avoid liability claims and other types of legal disputes before they arise.

We offer educational programs and work closely with our professional services clients to help prevent future legal claims and issues. The attorneys at our firm are also active members of professional organizations, including the Defense Research Institute (DRI) and the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) and make every effort to keep up-to-date with legal developments that that may impact our clients working throughout the professional services industry.