



# **Professional Liability**

The number and type of professional liability cases filed each year continues to grow as plaintiffs' lawyers seek out more novel ways in which to recover for their clients. As a result, professionals ranging from architects to real estate brokers are increasingly finding themselves subject to legal challenges for actions they take in performing their duties. The need for experienced counsel to defend these actions has consequently become essential.

Hinshaw has one of the largest and most respected professional liability practices in the United States, with more than 125 attorneys who have extensive experience in the defense of diverse professional liability claims. Our clients include accountants, directors and officers, lawyers, medical professionals, actuaries and other employee plan professionals, insurance and real estate brokers, as well as design professionals, including architects, engineers and surveyors.

Having developed a solid record of success in representing professionals in both disciplinary hearings and litigation, we utilize our insights and foresight to advise on best practices and risk management techniques designed to avoid such events in the first place.

# News

Matthew Henderson Reviews in a Law360 Byline What Law Firms Should Know Amid a Rise in Disqualification Motions

April 30, 2024

Media Coverage of Hinshaw's 2024 Legal Malpractice and Risk Management (LMRM) Conference

April 9, 2024

Jennifer A. Patterson Appointed as Special Representative for the Supreme Court of Missouri Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel (OCDC)
January 26, 2024

A Berkley Select Panel Presentation Featuring Matthew Henderson was the Subject of the Most-Viewed PLUS Blog Post in 2023 January 3, 2024

Hinshaw Recognized as "Distinguished in Litigation" in BTI Consulting's Litigation Outlook 2024 Survey November 16, 2023

Law360 Pulse Covers Headcount Growth in Hinshaw's South Florida Offices November 15, 2023

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Jill Mendelsohn Friedman

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Hinshaw Receives Recognition in 2024 "Best Law Firms" Directory November 2, 2023

Jess West Discusses New Rule From the California Supreme Court Requiring Attorneys to Report Misconduct of Other Attorneys August 29, 2023

101 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2024 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch

August 17, 2023

Experienced Aviation Partner Evan Kwarta Joins Hinshaw in New York July 24, 2023

Steven Puiszis Discusses Due Diligence Significance of Judicial Orders Requiring Law Firms to Disclose Use of Generative Al Tools July 19, 2023

Hillary Weigle Appointed to Serve on the Illinois Defense Counsel Board of Directors

June 6, 2023

Hinshaw Expands Gulf Coast Insurance Capabilities with Partner in Houston May 16, 2023

PLUS Blog Reports on Matthew Henderson Panel Discussion on Lawyers Professional Liability Claims Trends

May 12, 2023

Steven Puiszis Discusses Risk Management and Insurance Carrier Concerns Presented by Lawyer Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence April 18, 2023

Hinshaw Announces Selection of April Toy the 2023 Fellowship Class and Erin Lindberg to the 2023 Pathfinder Program of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity

March 3, 2023

Michael F. Henrick Inducted into the Chicago Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)

December 15, 2022

David Grossbaum Named Among "2022 Top Lawyers" by Boston Magazine November 28, 2022

Veteran Construction Litigator Joins Hinshaw in Chicago October 18, 2022

April Toy Selected to Milwaukee BizTimes 2022 Rising Stars in Law September 12, 2022

David Grossbaum Pens Law360 Byline on Potential Pitfalls Involved in Lawyer Fee-Sharing Arrangements

June 23, 2022

Hinshaw Partner Marissa Delinks Named to American Lawyer Magazine's 2022 Northeast Trailblazers

June 2, 2022

Sabrina N. Geisler

Melissa A. Gillinov

Clark S. Girges

Lawrence S. Gosewisch

Dennis J. Graber

William P. Grogan

David A. Grossbaum

David J. Hanus

Richard C. Harris

J. Ryan Head

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Mark M. Heinish

David E. Heiss

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Jenelle E. La Chuisa

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Peter J. Lewis

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Ambrose V. McCall

Michael D. McConathy

Filomena E. Meyer

Caroline A. Mondschean

Concepcion A. Montoya



Shelley Bethune Appointed Executive Director and General Counsel of Illinois Courts Commission

May 23, 2022

Hinshaw Partner André Sesler Accepted Into 2022-2023 Class of the Florida Bar Leadership Academy

April 27, 2022

Matthew Henderson Discusses Factors Behind Spike in High-Exposure Legal Malpractice Claims

April 19, 2022

JD Supra Names Scott Seaman and Joanna Storey as Top Authors in its 2022 Readers' Choice Awards

March 7, 2022

Hinshaw Partner Russell S. Ponessa Admitted to American College of Trial Lawyers

March 2, 2022

Hinshaw Partner Jill Munson Named to Milwaukee BizTimes 2022 Notable Women in Law

January 24, 2022

Hinshaw Partner Marissa Delinks Named to Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly 2021 Top Women of Law

November 18, 2021

Hinshaw Attorney André Sesler Appointed to Executive Leadership Team of the Hillsborough County Bar Association Board of Directors September 16, 2021

Hinshaw Attorney April Toy Elected Region IX President of the Hispanic National Bar Association

September 15, 2021

Hinshaw Contributes U.S. Chapter in Fourth Edition of The Professional Negligence Law Review

August 24, 2021

Hinshaw Partner Cassidy Chivers Appointed to Serve on California State Bar COPRAC

August 23, 2021

Sixty-Seven Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2022 Edition of Best Lawyers August 19, 2021

Joanna Storey Authors BASF Blog Post on California Legal Ethics Obligations of Third-Party Litigation Funding

July 2, 2021

Joanna Storey Unpacks Lessons Learned from Misunderstandings in Literature and Sitcoms at APRL Mid-Year Meeting

March 31, 2021

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Jill M. Munson

Courtney E. Murphy

Michael P. Murphy

Thomas L. O'Carroll

Jason J. Oliveri

Daniel On

Matthew L. Pagano

Clinton S. Payne

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John (Jack) S. Pierce

Russell S. Ponessa

Steven M. Puiszis

Jordyn J. Quinn

Christopher J. Raistrick

Laurie Randolph

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Lisa M. Roccanova

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Thomas R. Schrimpf

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Matthew Vlasman

Peter A. Walsh

John K. Weedon

Hillary Weigle

Jennifer W. Weller



Joanna Storey Provides Ten Best Practice Tips for Remote Appearances in CNA Insurance Publication

March 9, 2021

Joanna Storey Authors BASF Blog Post on Lawyers' Data Breach-Related Duties

February 9, 2021

Joanna Storey Authors Article Distinguishing Lawyers' Responsibilities as to Data Privacy Protection vs. Client Confidentiality or Privilege January 5, 2021

Hinshaw Recognized in 2021 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" Directory

November 5, 2020

Hinshaw Authors United States Chapter in Third Edition of The Professional Negligence Law Review

August 5, 2020

Joanna Storey Authors BASF Blog Post on Requirements of California's Professional Conduct Rule 1.13

July 2, 2020

Celebrate Pride Month with Hinshaw

June 2020

Hinshaw Partner Diane Webster Named to Inaugural List of Salute! Women in Law by Chicago Daily Law Bulletin and Chicago Lawyer May 20, 2020

Peter Isola Reviews Two California Supreme Court Decisions Concerning Expert Witnesses

April 28, 2020

Hinshaw Adds Securities Attorney Andrew May as a Partner in Chicago March 23, 2020

Ambrose McCall Discusses Section 230 Immunity Provided to Social Media Platforms on Greg and Dan Show

March 3, 2020

In DRI Column, Cassidy Chivers Discusses Importance of "Minding the Gap" when an Attorney Relocates to Another State January 24, 2020

Hinshaw Recognized Nationally and Regionally in 2020 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" Directory November 1, 2019

Joanna Storey Publishes BASF Blog Post on the Ethics of Tracking Email Using Web Beacons

September 3, 2019

On the Greg and Dan Show, Ambrose McCall Discusses Facebook, Immunity from Defamation Claims and Free Speech Rights on Social Media August 19, 2019

Aaron M. White

Joel T. Wiegert

Molly K. Woodford

Jonathan M. Yee

Bradley M. Zamczyk

Maureen Lennon Zeeb

Michael Zhang

### **Related Services**

Accountants Liability

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Securities Brokers' Liability

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# **Related Industries**

**Aviation & Aerospace** 



Hinshaw Adds Large Team of Insurance Law Professionals to its Fort Lauderdale Office May 2, 2019

Cassidy Chivers Moderates Panel on the Updated California Professional Rules of Conduct January 25, 2019

Career Retrospective: Recently-Retired Hinshaw Partner and Legal Ethics Expert Tom Sukowicz Profiled in Chicago Daily Law Bulletin

January 23, 2019

Hinshaw's Diane Webster and James Lydon Secure Complete Defense Verdict in \$6.25 Million Wrongful Death Case January 11, 2019

Illinois Appeals Court Affirms Win by Hinshaw Legal Team in \$4 Million Legal Malpractice Case Filed by Minor League Baseball Association

January 4, 2019

Steve Puiszis Addresses Cyber Risks Associated with Lawyers Making Their Email Addresses Public December 13, 2018

Hinshaw Partner D.L. Morriss Named One of Chicago's Notable Minority Lawyers November 28, 2018

Hinshaw Recognized Nationally and Regionally in 2019 U.S. News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" Directory November 1, 2018

Illinois Supreme Court Appoints Adam Vaught to the Illinois Judicial Conference October 25, 2018

Steve Puiszis Discusses the MSBA Opinion in Light of GDPR's "Right to be Forgotten" in Bloomberg Law October 19, 2018

California Attorneys Urged to Update Their Conflicts Procedures to Address New Rule 1.18 of the California Rules of Professional Conduct

September 14, 2018

Hinshaw's Adam Vaught Named to Benchmark Litigation "40 and Under Hot List" July 20, 2018

Kate Schnake Appointed as Project Officer of the CBA's Young Lawyers Section July 9, 2018

Bloomberg Discusses Steve Puiszis' Panel Presentation on "Ethics of Data Breach Reaction" at ABA Professional Responsibility Conference

June 13, 2018

Wendy Chang Reviews the Latest Overhaul of California's Ethics Rules in Daily Journal Column May 21, 2018

A Team of Hinshaw Attorneys Contribute to 2018 Edition of IICLE Attorneys' Legal Liability Handbook February 19, 2018

Hinshaw's Tom McGarry Profiled as the IICLE Spotlight Author of the Month February 16, 2018

Blair Titcomb Provides Insight on How to Defend TICR Claims in DRI For the Defense Magazine January 31, 2018



CLM Magazine Quotes Kevin Sido in Story About the Art of Arbitration January 30, 2018

Crain's Chicago Business Names Hinshaw & Culbertson's Diane Webster One of Chicago's Most Influential Minority Lawyers

December 11, 2017

Hinshaw's Clinton Payne Honored with Federal Bar Unsung Hero Award by the Judges of Southern District of Florida December 5, 2017

Janis Meyer Discusses Law Firm Leadership Succession Planning with Sam Reisman of Law360 November 8, 2017

Hinshaw Legal Team Secures Defense Verdict in \$1.25 Million Medical Malpractice Case October 24, 2017

Kevin Sido's Guidebook Referenced in ABA Article About Effective Use of Construction Experts August 28, 2017

Steven Puiszis Quoted in Bloomberg BNA Article about WannaCry Ransomware Attack May 19, 2017

Ron Kammer Takes a Look at How Driverless Cars Will Impact the Insurance Industry May 10, 2017

D.L. Morriss Quoted in Bloomberg BNA Analysis of Diversity in Law Firms April 17, 2017

DRI Professional Perspectives: Failure to Plead "But for" Causation Leads to Dismissal of Malpractice Claim February 7, 2017

**DRI Professional Perspectives** 

Terese Drew to Be Elected to American Board of Trial Advocates Board of Delegates August 26, 2016

Russ Klingaman Quoted in Article on Use of Drones in Eminent Domain Litigation August 25, 2016

Diane Webster and Conrad Nowak Attend White House Heritage Day June 14, 2016

Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP Announces New Managing Partner and Other Firm Leaders May 18, 2016

Hinshaw Names Four New Members of Management Committee May 18, 2016

Robert Romero Quoted in Law360 Article Discussing Tips For Crafting Attorney-Client ADR Pacts March 10, 2016

Cassidy Chivers Co-Authors Article on the Best Practices of Professional Liability Insurance February 4, 2016

Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP Garners More Than Two Dozen Rankings in U.S. News – Best Lawyers' 2016 "Best Law Firms"

November 2, 2015

Barry MacEntee Included in Chicago Lawyer's 2015 "40 Under 40" October 20, 2015



Geoffrey Sessions Admitted to the American Board of Trial Advocates

February 25, 2015

Twenty-Two Hinshaw Lawyers Chosen as Best Lawyers in America 2015

August 19, 2014

Wendy Wen Yun Chang's Authors Article Published in California Bar Journal

August 6, 2014

California Bar Journal

David Schultz Quoted in ABA/BNA Lawyers' Manual on Professional Conduct Article on Expanded Statutory Liability for Lawyers

March 10, 2014

Hinshaw Obtains \$1.2 Million Judgment for Unpaid Immigrant Housekeeper

January 4, 2013

Matthew Henderson Author's IICLE Chapter on "Breach of Fiduciary Duty"

August 8, 2012

Laurie Randolph Recognized as a Woman Lawyer "Making an Impact"

May 4, 2012

# **Events**

Michael Zhang will Present on Attorney Wellness, Risk of Liability, and Regulatory Scrutiny at IADC's Professional Liability Roundtable

May 30, 2024

Gleacher Center at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Steven Puiszis to Present on the Future of Generative Al/ChatGPT for Law Firms

July 25, 2023

New York, New York

Hinshaw's Hillary Weigle to Speak at the 2023 DRI Construction Law Seminar

January 24, 2023

Las Vegas, Nevada

Steven Puiszis to Present on Navigating Ethical Issues in the Wake of a Cyber Breach

September 22, 2022

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois

Robert Buchholz and Matthew Henderson Recently Conducted an Interactive Presentation on Attorney Ethics and "What Not To Do"

June 21, 2022

Virtual Event

Vincent Rizzo and Michael Iasparro Scheduled to Discuss the Changing Landscape of Law Enforcement Liability May 17, 2022

BASF Presentation: Joanna Storey to Review Legal Ethical Concepts in Fictional Attorney Scenarios

May 12, 2022



# Marissa Delinks and Joanna Storey to Discuss "Ways to Protect Your Hybrid Practice" in New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers Presentation

February 3, 2022

Virtual

### Joanna Storey to Discuss Hot Legal Ethics Topics in BASF Presentation

January 25, 2022

# Joanna Storey Scheduled to Present at APRL Fall Meeting

October 23, 2021

Royal Sonesta | Chicago, Illinois

### Joanna Storey to Discuss Civility and Communication in a Hybrid World

September 15, 2021

Virtual Event

# Joanna Storey to Lead Interactive Presentation on Legal Ethics

August 28, 2021

Olympic Valley, California

# Alyssa Johnson and Kate Schnake to Discuss How Lawyers Can Handle Difficult Client Dilemmas

July 28, 2021

Virtual Event

### Joanna Storey and Heather McArn to Discuss Cybersecurity and Legal Ethics

July 20, 2021

Virtual Event

# Joanna Storey to Discuss Issues Facing Women in the Privacy Industry

July 1, 2021

Virtual Event

# Joanna Storey to Discuss Ethics Lessons Learned from Fictional Attorneys in BASF Presentation

May 11, 2021

Virtual Event

### Joanna Storey to Discuss Practical Tips for Lawyers to Mitigate Legal Risk When Videoconferencing

January 12, 2021

Virtual Event

# Alyssa Johnson and Mollie Kugler Explore the Impact of Gender Bias on Women in Law

December 15, 2020

Virtual Event

# Joanna Storey to Discuss Ethical Risks of Video Conferencing for Lawyers

October 16, 2020

Virtual Event

### Joanna Storey to Address Ethical Risks for Lawyers Working Remotely

October 14, 2020

Virtual Event

## Kevin Sido and Elyse Ryan to Address the Importance of Strong Contracts for Structural Engineers

September 30, 2020

Virtual Event



### Susie Dent Addresses Ethical Issues Impacting LGBTQ+ Attorneys, Clients, and the Courts

June 25, 2020

Webinar

### Hinshaw's Steve Puiszis to Discuss Ethical Duty of Law Firms to Protect Client Data

December 3, 2019

300 N LaSalle Dr | Chicago, Illinois

# Kevin Sido to Present at Illinois Structural Engineers Association Luncheon

September 20, 2019

University Club | Chicago, Illinois

### Joanna Storey to Provide Tips on Solving Ethical Issues Arising in Mediation

June 12, 2019

BASF Conference Center | San Francisco, California

# Tom McGarry Reviews IP Law Malpractice Developments at 10th Annual Ethics in the Practice of IP Law Seminar

June 7, 2019

Chicago, Illinois

# Hinshaw's Cassidy Chivers to Present at ABA National Legal Malpractice Conference

April 5, 2019

Miami Beach, Florida

# Joanna Storey Scheduled to Discuss Top 10 Ethics Rule Changes Impacting California Attorneys in MCBA Presentation

March 12, 2019

# Ed Donohue and Cassidy Chivers to Present on Professional Ethics Relating to Cyber Security and Diminished Capacity of a Client

February 7, 2019

Hyatt Regency | Santa Rosa, California

### Cassidy Chivers to Discuss California's New Rules of Professional Conduct in DRI Webinar

December 6, 2018

Webinar

### Cassidy Chivers to Discuss "Ethical Issues in Licensing" in PLI Legal Education Course

December 5, 2018

Webinar

# Kendra Basner and Joanna Storey to Discuss Potential Impacts of New Rules of Professional Conduct for California Attorneys in BASF Presentation

November 8, 2018

BASF Conference Center | San Francisco

### Kevin Sido and Elyse Ryan to Present at 2018 NCSEA Structural Engineering Summit

October 26, 2018

Sheraton Grand | Chicago, Illinois

# Tom McGarry and Michael Ruff to Discuss the Professional Obligations and Qualities of Lawyers in CBA Presentation

September 21, 2018

CBA Headquarters | Chicago, Illinois

### Steve Puiszis to Discuss Data Breaches at School Personnel Administrators Boot Camp

June 21, 2018

Chicago, Illinois



### Jason Winslow to Provide Healthcare Legal Update at 30th Annual ISHRM Meeting

June 1, 2018

Crowne Plaza, Springfield, Illinois

## Kevin Sido Presents at 91st Annual Meeting of the Central States Water Environment Association

May 16, 2018

Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

# Hinshaw's Cassidy Chivers to Present on "Ethical Issues in Licensing" in Practicing Law Institute "Understanding the Intellectual Property License" Seminar

December 6, 2017

PLI California Center, San Francisco, California

### Steven Puiszis to Present at ABA 2017 Annual Meeting

August 11, 2017

New York City

### Kevin Sido to Present on Amicus Curiae Efforts Resulting in Two "Friendly" Decisions for Structural Engineers

September 6, 2016

Cliff Dwellers Club, 200 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

# Robert Romero to Present at PLI's California Trial Advocacy 2016 Seminar

August 3, 2016

San Francisco, CA & Webcast

# Steven Puiszis to Speak at Law Bulletin Ethics 2016 Conference

June 7, 2016

Swissotel Chicago: 323 E Upper Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL 60601

# Kevin Sido to Present Ethics for Engineers at the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois Seminar

February 23, 2016

155 N. Wacker Drive, Ballroom AB, Chicago, IL 60606

### Ed Donohue and Robert Romero to Present at ACIC's 26th General Counsel Seminar

July 22, 2015

Encore at Wynn Las Vegas

### David Schultz to Present at NARCA 2014 Fall Collection Conference

October 25, 2014

Wynn Las Vegas, 3131 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89109

# Kevin Sido and Jennifer Kalas to Present Illinois Society of Professional Engineers Webinar

May 7, 2014

National (Webinar)

### Caroline Mondschean to Present at IICLE's Personal Injury Practice Update Seminar

April 30, 2014

**UBS Tower & Conference Center** 

# Kevin Sido and Dave Ranich to Present Illinois Society of Professional Engineers Webinar

April 30, 2014

Webinar

# Kevin Sido to Present at the National Council of Structural Engineers Associations' Winter Leadership Forum

March 21, 2014

Meritage Resort & Spa



Preparing Your Case for Trial, Including Motions in Limine/Deposition Designations

August 7, 2013

Foul or Fair? Ethics for Engineers—Don't Be Called Out!

July 26, 2013

Baseball Arbitration and Other ADR's: What's the Score on Mediation and Arbitration?

July 26, 2013

Laurie Randolph to Present Tales from the Mound: Learning to Pitch a Perfect Game (Risk Management Drills and Pep Talks from Illinois Court Cases)

July 25, 2013

Complying with Illinois Rules and Regulations on the Practice of Structural Engineering and Meeting Standard of Professional Conduct

November 28, 2012

# **Publications**

Fee Sharing Between Lawyers Under ABA Rule 1.5(e): How to Protect Yourself and the Client May 14, 2024

A Defense Win in Texas on the Issue of "But For" Proximate Causation in a Legal Malpractice Case

May 3, 2024

Lawyers for the Profession®

Illinois Appellate Court Affirms Default Judgment Against Attorney After He Repeatedly Fabricated Expert Witness Disclosures "From Whole Cloth"

April 22, 2024

Lawyers for the Profession®

Illinois Appellate Court Rejects the Crime-Fraud Exception in a Defamation Claim

April 1, 2024

Lawyers for the Profession®

Colorado Appellate Court Affirms Summary Judgment on Plaintiff's Claim of Defendants' Negligence in "Inadequate Settlement" Case for Lack of "But For" Causation

March 25, 2024

Lawyers for the Profession®

Deciphering Forum Non-Conveniens: Global Law Firm Headquarters' Location Deemed a Convenient Forum

February 22, 2024

Lawyers for the Profession®

Florida Bar Advisory Opinion 24-1 Gives Green Light to Generative Al Use by Lawyers – With Four Ethical Caveats

February 5, 2024

Lawyers for the Profession®

Lack of Proximate Cause Dooms Plaintiff's Appeal of Adverse Summary Judgment

February 2, 2024

Lawyers for the Profession®

Fraudulent Concealment and/or Equitable Estoppel Tolled the Statute of Repose in a Legal Malpractice Claim

October 23, 2023

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Illinois Appellate Court Confirms That the Statute of Limitations Commences Once the Plaintiff Has Sufficient Evidence to Know of Her Injury



October 11, 2023

Lawyers for the Profession®

Massachusetts District Court Sides With Insurer Because of Insured's Failure to Provide Timely Notice of the Claim

October 4, 2023

Lawyers for the Profession®

Different Outcomes for Two Law Firms in Legal Malpractice Case Confirm That Lawyers Representing Estate Administrator Do Not Owe a Duty to Beneficiaries

September 12, 2023

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Appellate Court Affirms \$700,000 Judgment Against Lawyer in Malpractice Action, in Part, Because Defendant Failed to File Post-Trial Motion

February 16, 2023

Lawyers for the Profession®

Sharing Fees Between Lawyers

June/July, 2022

Legal Ethics Trend - Representing Clients with Diminished Capacity

May 3, 2022

Lawyers, Don't Be Willfully Blind to Suspected Client Fraudulent Conduct

March 1, 2022

11 Legal Ethics Opinions You May Have Missed in 2021

January 4, 2022

The Lawyers' Lawyer Newsletter - Recent Developments in Risk Management - November 2021

November 17, 2021

Lawyers' Lawyer Newsletter - Recent Developments in Risk Management - Halloween 2021

November 1, 2021

Illinois Appellate Court Holds Legal Malpractice Claim is Barred by Statute of Repose, Rejects Plaintiff's Tolling Argument July 22, 2021

Lawyers for the Profession®

Georgia Malpractice Judgment Reversed Because Trial Court Improperly Allowed Jury to View Complaint With Dismissed Claims

July 16, 2021

Lawyers for the Profession®

FAQs: Illinois Civil Procedure Amendment Imposes 6% Prejudgment Interest in Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Actions

June 16, 2021

Hinshaw Alert

Florida Court Rules That Retainer Agreement Arbitration Provision is Enforceable and Severable From Agreement's Unenforceable Fee & Cost Shifting Provisions

April 27, 2021

Lawyers for the Profession®

Federal District Court in Nevada Tosses China-Based Auto Dealer's Legal Malpractice Suit Against Law Firm Based on Lack of Jurisdiction

March 18, 2021

Lawyers for the Profession®

Lawyers' Lawyer Newsletter - Recent Developments in Risk Management



March 2021

Lawyers' Lawyer Newsletter – Recent Developments in Risk Management

February 2021

Wisconsin Appellate Court Refines Actual Innocence Rule in Claims Against Criminal Defense Counsel

December 21, 2020

Lawyers for the Profession®

Practical Tips to Mitigate Legal Risk When Videoconferencing

December 11, 2020

Lawyers for the Profession®

Landscaping Co. Gets Clipped: Malpractice Action Time-Barred and Fraudulent Concealment Claim Rejected

December 3, 2020

Lawyers for the Profession®

Florida Appellate Court Reduces Legal Malpractice Verdict From \$5M to \$250K Because Plaintiff Failed to Prove Underlying Judgment Was Collectible

November 19, 2020

Lawyers for the Profession®

The Lawyers' Lawyer Newsletter - Recent Developments in Risk Management - Halloween 2020

October 28, 2020

Plaintiff Cannot Maintain Legal Malpractice Action Absent Proof of Fraudulent Inducement to Settle

September 30, 2020

Lawyers for the Profession®

The Lawyers' Lawyer Newsletter – Recent Developments in Risk Management – September 2020

September 28, 2020

Defendants Entitled to Summary Judgment on Lack of Proximate Causation Because Plaintiffs' Expert Opinions were Conclusory

August 31, 2020

Lawyers for the Profession®

Florida Bar Advisory Opinion Holds New Jersey Lawyer Working Remotely From Florida Home Does Not Violate Unauthorized Practice of Law Rules

August 11, 2020

Lawyers for the Profession®

Mental Well-Being Resources for Lawyers During COVID-19

March 23, 2020

Client Service Continuity Strategies for Law Firms Responding to Coronavirus Pandemic

March 13, 2020

Illinois Court Declines to Adopt "Continuous Course of Treatment Doctrine" in Accountant Malpractice Claims

December 19, 2018

Lawyers for the Profession®

Communications Between Public Relations Firm and Counsel Held Not Privileged

March 20, 2017

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Life Insurance Industry Loses Challenge to Department of Labor Fiduciary Liability Rules

November 10, 2016

**Professional Lines Alert** 



Case Reminds Insurance Agents to Review Process of Receiving Approval from Insureds Before Submitting Applications to Carriers

May 24, 2016

**Professional Lines Alert** 

Agent Had No Duty to Produce Additional Insurance Coverage For Lost Rent and Soft Cost Without a Specific Request May 9, 2016

**Professional Lines Alert** 

Insurance Broker Had No Duty to Inform Security Company Insured of Change in Exclusion Language for Alarm Systems April 18, 2016

Professional Lines Alert

Insurance Producer Had No Duty to Review Insured's Application for Replacement Coverage and Explain the Application to the Insured

April 7, 2016

Professional Lines Alert

Sellers' Real Estate Agent Did Not Breach Duty to Disclose Existence of Mold to Buyers

January 13, 2016

Professional Lines Alert

Insurance Brokerage Company's Employee Was Insurer's Agent for Purposes of Accepting Notice of Claim

November 9, 2015

**Professional Lines Alert** 

Engineering Company Found Liable for Professional Negligence Despite Lack of Contractual Relationship

October 19, 2015

Professional Lines Alert

Insurance Broker Not Liable to Estate of Patron Crushed by Inflatable for Failure to Procure Coverage

August 31, 2015

**Professional Lines Alert** 

Time's Up: Limitations Period Began Running on Claim Once Insured Learned His Policy Had Expired

July 14, 2015

Professional Lines Alert

No Breach of Contract Where Code Not in Contract for Architectural Services

June 15, 2015

**Professional Lines Alert** 

California Court Holds Unforeseeable Injury From Malpractice Supports Dismissal

June 12, 2015

Professional Lines Alert

Professional Engineers May Testify as Expert Witnesses Against Licensed Architect

May 27, 2015

Professional Lines Alert

Insurance Adjuster Not Liable for Breach of Duties of Good Faith and Fair Dealing in Adjusting a Claim

March 19, 2015

**Professional Lines Alert** 

California Appellate Court Bars Equitable Indemnity Claim Against Design Professional Where Only Economic Damages Are Involved

February 10, 2015

**Professional Lines Alert** 



Insurance Agent Who Provided Carrier's Valuation and Two Competing Quotes Did Not Counsel the Insured and Create a Special Relationship

January 20, 2015

Professional Lines Alert

Illinois Condominium Property Act Does Not Impose a Duty on an Insurance Producer to Procure Sufficient Insurance Coverage Compliant With That Act

January 14, 2015

Professional Lines Alert

Court Examines Producer's Role in Processing Inaccurate Online Application

September 9, 2014

**Professional Lines Alert** 

Declaratory Judgment Entered Against Architect's Insurer finding that Design Flaws Were Unrelated and Subject to Separate Liability Limits

September 3, 2014

Professional Lines Alert

Statute of Limitations Bars Claim for Patent Defect

August 18, 2014

**Professional Lines Alert** 

Engineer Who Placed His Seal On Allegedly Defective Design Plans Did Not Have An Independent Tort Duty To Owner

August 12, 2014

Professional Lines Alert

California Supreme Court Finds that Architect has a Duty of Care that Extends to Future Purchasers of Condominiums July 30, 2014

**Professional Lines Alert** 

Non-Fiduciary Held Liable for Aiding and Abetting Breach of Fiduciary Duty

July 24, 2014

Professional Lines Alert

Is Real Estate Agent Liable For Bodily Injuries Suffered By Prospective Purchaser?

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