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AUDITORS AND ACCOUNTANTS

As part of our deep experience handling professional liability matters, we have defended individual auditors and accountants accused of malpractice in addition to representing national accounting firms in negligence actions at all levels in state and federal courts nationwide.

A DIRECT FOCUS ON COMPLEX ISSUES

Professional liability cases against auditors and accountants can be complex – and are becoming more common. The attorneys at Rogers & Hardin have the depth of experience to handle both the difficult accounting concepts involved as well as the complex legal issues that frequently arise in these types of cases. Allegations can span multiple fiscal years, with financial statements that were audited by engagement teams comprised of dozens (if not hundreds) of different accountants. We coordinate with the best experts possible – our clients – directly and as early as possible in order to focus on the key accounting principles at issue and to develop the best strategies for defending against these malpractice allegations when they arise.

DEFENDING AUDITORS AGAINST MALPRACTICE

- **Client:** A national accounting firm.
- **Challenge:** The malpractice allegations against the accounting firm related to audits of a large public company conducted over the course of several years that spanned multiple states and countries. Most of the relevant staff no longer worked for the audit firm and hundreds of thousands of pages of audit workpapers were at issue.
- **Outcome:** By working with the client’s in-house accounting and outside auditing experts, we were able to reach a favorable settlement with the plaintiffs – before they began the expensive process of conducting depositions of the accountants who had worked on the audits and of other witnesses.

DISCOVERY EXPERTISE

The expansive scope of many malpractice cases against auditors and accountants can generate hundreds of thousands of pages of discovery and the need to retrieve, review, and produce electronically stored information. Rogers & Hardin attorneys work with our in-house technical experts and outside vendors when needed in order to streamline discovery in a cost-effective manner without cutting corners.