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Related Practices Professional Liability and Disciplinary Proceedings

LEGAL MALPRACTICE DEFENSE

THE LAWYER'S LAWYER

Malpractice actions and other professional liability cases implicate not only the particular work challenged by the lawsuit, but also the reputation and livelihood of those professionals who are forced to defend against the allegations. Disciplinary proceedings against a professional have the potential to end that person's career. Even the threat of these types of cases can be extremely damaging to our clients.

With a reputation as being "the lawyer's lawyer," Rogers & Hardin attorneys are well suited to defend legal professionals against claims of malpractice or other disciplinary actions — whether in Atlanta or beyond. Our full-service platform within a boutique footprint allows us to quickly grasp complicated challenges across a wide range of subjects. Our clients appreciate having access to a team that includes American College of Trial Attorney members with a solid reputation for trying cases to conclusion.

The following are two recent examples of our representations in this area.

DEFENDING AMLAW 20 LAW FIRM

- -Client: A multi-national law firm, ranked in the AmLaw 20
- -Challenge: Defend against a \$35 million malpractice action seeking roughly \$35 million in compensatory and punitive damages for alleged tortious interference, negligence and fraud.
- **-Outcome**: We were granted summary judgement on all claims, which the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit affirmed. We additionally obtained a significant award of attorney's fees and expenses, which was upheld on appeal.

REPRESENTATION OF AMLAW 200 FIRM

-Client: Leading AmLaw 200 firm

-Challenge: Represented a law firm in defense of a legal malpractice action arising from their opinion given regarding a client's stock reinvestment strategy which had been designed to defer capital gains taxes. Plaintiffs sought the amount of capital gains taxes they incurred plus transaction costs totaling in excess of \$4.5 million.

-Outcome: The matter was successfully mediated.