

PRACTICE CONTACTS

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Zelle represents global professional liability insurers in matters involving claims brought against their insureds, including attorneys, insurance agencies, agents and brokers, healthcare providers, accountants, architects, engineers, and other professionals. Zelle lawyers serve these clients in a number of roles depending on the nature of the case, including coverage counsel, monitoring counsel, and crisis counsel. As coverage counsel, Zelle attorneys provide initial coverage advice and assistance in evaluating defense and/or indemnity obligations in a given case, guide clients in properly reserving their rights in the context of providing a defense, and represent those clients in litigation if a dispute develops, including the initiation of declaratory judgment actions when appropriate to protect the client's interest. As monitoring counsel, Zelle attorneys provide their clients with concise analysis of potential claim exposure at the early stages of a claim and throughout litigation, ensure the defense team is adequately addressing the key issues in the litigation, and facilitate communication between the defense team and the client. Sometimes a case that seems to be moving in the right direction suddenly takes a turn for the worse. Zelle attorneys often serve in the role of crisis counsel when unexpected circumstances require swift action and attention, outside the bounds of what defense counsel can accomplish in the amount of time required.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Represented liability insurer in \$25 million dispute involving pharmaceutical drug trials

Represented medical liability insurer in connection with liability for numerous wrongful death claims at a New Orleans hospital following Hurricane Katrina

Represented professional liability insurer in connection with \$300 million claim involving securities fraud

Represented professional liability insurer in connection with \$40 million claim against law firm involved in land deals

Represented medical liability insurer in lawsuit involving physician's alleged improper prescription of thrombolytic medicines

Professional Liability

Represented professional liability insurer in connection with claim against engineer of record for major expansion project at international airport

Represented professional liability insurer in connection with claim for legal malpractice against attorney arising from alleged undisclosed conflicts of interest

Represented professional liability insurer in connection with claims against insurance agent arising from alleged insurance scheme involving Real Estate Investment Trust

Represented professional liability insurer in coverage dispute arising from claim involving alleged mortgage fraud

Represented medical liability insurer in connection with claim against hospital and nurse arising from patient's exposure to Hepatitis C