



Professional Liability

Clients of the Firm range from start-ups and entrepreneurs to Fortune 500 companies. Whatever the size of the company, Cowles & Thompson's mission is the same: to focus on the client's business objectives and effectively manage the transaction to a successful closing.

However, when a difficult case goes to trial, Cowles & Thompson attorneys have earned a reputation of vigorously defending professionals in state and federal court, arbitrations, and before state and federal licensing boards. Cowles & Thompson is called upon to represent local, regional and national firms and their professionals in a variety of complex matters including:

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The Firm
has handled
over 500
Professional
Malpractice
matters for
clients.

LAWYERS AND LAW FIRMS

Cowles & Thompson has been named a "Go-To" Law Firm for handling difficult malpractice cases†. Our attorneys regularly defend lawyers and law firms across the state against malpractice claims arising from conflicts of interest, business and real estate transactions, bankruptcy proceedings, litigation or trial errors, probate and trust matters, and securities transactions. We are engaged in defending attorneys against grievances filed with the State Bar of Texas, as well as at hearings before the grievance committees of the Board of Disciplinary Appeals of the State Bar of Texas.

SECURITIES BROKER DEALERS, FINANCIAL ADVISORS, AND INVESTMENT PROFESSIONALS

The Firm has handled a wide variety of matters involving federal and state law claims, allegations of unsuitability, churning, failure to take advantage of break points and failure to supervise. These matters include cases in state and federal court and in arbitration before the NASD. Attorneys with the firm assist professionals with NASD investigations and inquiries.

DIRECTOR AND OFFICER LIABILITY

Attorneys with the Firm represent corporate officers and board members in defending against claims for breach of fiduciary duty, corporate fraud, mismanagement, violation of Sarbanes Oxley, shareholder oppression and securities litigation.

ACCOUNTANTS AND ACCOUNTING FIRMS

Our attorneys represent accountants in claims arising out of the preparation of financial statements, violation of GAAP or FASB standards, audits, due diligence, tax advice and financial planning, and receivership. Additionally, Cowles & Thompson attorneys represent accountants and their firms before the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy.

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† "Go-To Lawyers for Lawyers in Trouble", Texas Lawyer, August 5, 2002

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INSURANCE COMPANIES < BROKERS AND AGENTS

Cowles & Thompson has a long and valued history in the insurance industry. In addition to being a leader in litigation, we have defended successfully professional liability claims arising from alleged failures of insurance brokers or agents to procure appropriate insurance coverage, lapse of coverage and claims handling errors.

REAL ESTATE BROKERS/AGENTS, APPRAISERS, AND INSPECTORS

The Firm's attorneys successfully have defended real estate professionals against claims arising out of the purchase and sale, leasing, assignment and options to buy or lease real estate. Our representation has included handling matters before the Texas Real Estate Commission.

ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURE FIRMS AND PROFESSIONALS

Our professional liability litigators have extensive experience in defending engineers, engineering firms, and various design professionals, architects, construction companies, contractors, subcontractors and sureties in claims involving negligent design, construction project management, adherence to city, state and federal codes and industrial design and specifications issues. Our representation has included handling matters before state licensing boards.

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

C&T regularly defends licensed healthcare professionals and institutions against malpractice claims. Our attorneys also appear before hospital credentialing committees and State agencies in connection with complaints, licensure and grievance proceedings.

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