



## Legal Malpractice Defense

Pretzel & Stouffer regularly advises and vigorously defends lawyers and law firms accused of legal malpractice. Our broad experience ranges from representation of some of the nation's largest law firms to a sole practitioner.

Legal malpractice claims are becoming increasingly frequent and complex. More than ever, defense of these claims requires an understanding of a very wide range of complicated legal issues. Attorneys turn to us for representation because we are not only skilled professional liability attorneys, but also because we have proven experience and success taking legal malpractice cases to trial.

Unlike other defense firms, we bring invaluable knowledge and skill from our experience litigating claims that often form the basis of a malpractice claim. This sets us apart when it comes to understanding the many "case-within-a-case" scenarios that must be addressed in defending lawyers in today's world. From simple automobile negligence cases to complex business transactions and business litigation, we fully understand the challenges that practicing lawyers face.

Our attorneys do not just defend lawyers when they are sued for legal malpractice, we also represent attorneys before the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission in cases involving alleged violations of ethical responsibilities. We defend lawyers accused of violating the Fair Debt Collection Practice Act and other federal laws, and members of the legal profession often hire us to represent them in law firm partner/shareholder disputes or in law firm dissolutions. Additionally, clients frequently retain us to provide a trial lawyer's perspective on cases that are being handled by other malpractice defense firms.

Our reputation is so strong that clients consistently call upon us with the first indication of a potential claim, and we work seamlessly with our clients to reach a favorable outcome.