

# Professional Services

Accounting firms, consulting firms, architecture/engineering groups, Licensed Professional Service Providers.

The professional malpractice lawyers at Friday, Eldredge & Clark cover all of Arkansas in defending lawyers, accountants, physicians, architects and other professional service providers. We have tried hundreds of malpractice cases and are familiar with state and federal regulations governing standards of care for professionals and represent professionals before their various licensing boards. When malpractice allegations arise, we counsel our clients on the best approach to a defense (including settlement, arbitration, or mediation when that is the best option) at every stage of litigation, from investigations to appeals.

Beyond the realm of litigation, we provide a broad spectrum of business, tax and personal services to our professional services industry clients.

**Accountants** – We have defended and resolved claims against accountants and accounting firms arising out of audits and the preparation of tax returns and financial statements. That includes representing accountants in investigations by Arkansas State Board of Accountancy.

**Lawyers** – Claims by current or former clients, or internal problems that raise questions of personal or professional liability, can arise for any firm no matter the firm's size. Firms rely on our experienced guidance to defend professional reputations. We effectively represent lawyers and law firms facing litigation as defendants and have served as counsel to many of our peers if they are called before the Office of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct to face misconduct allegations that could lead to suspension or disbarment.

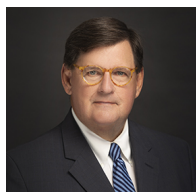
**Physicians and Other Healthcare Providers** – Because of the volume of cases we have tried, we are deeply experienced in the presentation of complex scientific evidence relating to medical issues, surgical procedures and DNA results. We have defended clients in catastrophic injury cases, and because of our track record, we are often called upon to serve as regional counsel in major litigation cases. For physicians and health care providers, we provide compliance counsel on a multitude of regulatory issues in their industry.

**Securities Broker-Dealers** – We handle litigation and arbitration of customer disputes alleging inappropriate investment and trading strategies by securities broker-dealers and are well versed in dispute resolution before panels of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and its predecessor body, the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD).

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