

PRACTICE AREA

Insurance Defense

Strategic insurance and regulatory counsel—defending carriers, insureds, and professionals in coverage, compliance, and high-stakes litigation.

Friday, Eldredge & Clark represents national and regional insurance carriers, self-insured companies, and individual insureds in the full range of insurance and regulatory matters. Our attorneys handle insurance regulation before the Arkansas Insurance Department, coverage analysis across virtually every major line of business, and complex insurance defense litigation, including bad-faith, professional liability, and catastrophic claims.

With deep industry knowledge and trial experience, we help insurers and policyholders navigate compliance obligations, respond to complaints and market conduct issues, manage risk through self-insurance and traditional coverage, and resolve disputes efficiently in state and federal courts. Whether you are seeking regulatory approvals, clarifying coverage, or defending your livelihood and reputation in litigation, we provide practical, results-driven representation grounded in a strong understanding of the insurance industry.

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Areas of Focus

Insurance Regulation

Insurance companies rely upon Friday, Eldredge & Clark to represent their interests in regulatory and transactional matters before the Arkansas Insurance Department. We assist our clients with the full range of concerns that come within the Insurance Commissioner's authority to review and regulate, including:

Regulatory compliance, including market conduct issues and responding to consumer and insurance department complaints

Change of company ownership, including mergers or acquisitions

Approval of insurance products and policy provisions

Approval of internal governance changes

Required filing of financial and other regulatory reports

Our knowledge of the regulatory environment in Arkansas means that your company will receive the full benefit of our sound working relationship with the commissioner's office. When combined with our knowledge of Arkansas state courts and legislative processes, our experience in these areas means that we can handle virtually any regulatory issue that arises for insurers licensed to write insurance in the state.

SUMMARY

- **Regulatory Advocacy & Compliance:** Representing insurers before the Arkansas Insurance Department on product approvals, ownership changes, governance, filings, and market conduct issues.
- **Coverage Analysis & Opinion Work:** Evaluating and interpreting policies for carriers and insureds across general liability, environmental, professional, excess, and specialty coverages.
- **Insurance Defense & Bad-Faith Litigation:** Defending insurers in first- and third-party claims, bad-faith suits, and class actions with a focus on minimizing exposure and controlling costs.
- **Professional Liability Defense:** Protecting the reputations and licenses of healthcare providers, lawyers, realtors, architects, engineers, brokers, and other professionals in liability and regulatory matters.
- **Risk Management & Self-Insurance Strategy:** Advising businesses on optimizing insurance programs and self-insurance structures to manage risk and maximize available coverage.

Related Practice Areas

[Business, Corporate & Commercial](#)

[Commercial Litigation & Regulatory](#)

[Health Law](#)

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[Medical Malpractice](#)

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Insurance Coverage Issues

We evaluate insurance policies on behalf of the insurance carrier and the insured. The policies we review and assess include almost every type of coverage written in today's business market. Our clients have relied on our expertise to prepare coverage opinions in thousands of instances. Those coverage matters involved comprehensive general liability policies, policies on environmental matters, professional liability, excess insurance, endorsements, exclusions, and all other issues.

Insured Representation

Our firm helps businesses maximize and effectively manage their insurance coverage. We represent insurance companies and policyholders and advise both in disputes over all facets of insurance liability coverage including professional, directors and officers, asbestos, errors and omissions, and catastrophic issues.

We are also experienced in helping clients manage their own risk. Many employers use self-insurance as an alternative to traditional insurance. Because we work with the plans various companies use, we can advise on the most effective options and strategies.

Professional Liability

Friday, Eldredge & Clark understands the stakes in professional liability controversies. Healthcare providers, lawyers, realtors, architects, engineers, and insurance brokers and registered representatives and their insurers turn to us for help. Our concern is the same as your concern: protecting your livelihood and reputation.

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