

## Professional Liability Defense

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Gordon Arata Montgomery Barnett has earned a solid reputation as a leader in the defense of professional liability claims, with especially notable success in the field of director and officer liability. Our clients have included physicians, law firms and attorneys, accountants, brokers, long-term residential care facilities and others.

As a professional, you cannot be sued for simply failing to achieve the desired result. For your client to successfully sue you in a professional malpractice lawsuit, they must demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that you failed in the performance of your duties and that you were somehow negligent in your service to them. Furthermore, your client must have suffered some type of loss or damages as a result of this negligence.

Whether these conditions can be truthfully met in your case, you are at risk of incurring major civil penalties in the form of an award of damage if you do not successfully defend against a malpractice claim. Your reputation and prestige also are at stake. Don't take chances with your career.

Our lawyers have handled cases involving:

- Simple allegations of professional negligence
- Complex issues involving errors and omissions
- Violations of standards of care
- Scope of representation
- Allegations of conflict of interest
- Questions of competence

The firm has represented many leading law firms and their insurers, both in Louisiana and nationwide. One of the members of the professional liability defense team, Daniel Lund, received the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award in legal malpractice in 2012.