

Overview

Professionals take major responsibilities in their work. Health care professionals make life and death decisions. Architects and engineers make decisions that have significant safety implications. Accountants, brokers and financial advisors make decisions that have a major impact on financial health. Not surprisingly, this responsibility exposes them to major liabilities. They and their insurers need legal advisors who can help them assess their risks, put procedures in place to mitigate them, and vigorously defend them, if necessary. Professional liability is a very sophisticated area of insurance defense; it requires a legal team with experience in class actions, regulated professions, and risk management.

Dentons has that legal team. Our Professional Liability Group has acted for:

- large accounting firms in class action suits
- accountants and lawyers in negligence claims
- accountants in disciplinary and other types of regulatory proceedings
- architects and engineers in construction claims and regulatory proceedings
- surveyors in property related claims
- doctors in medical malpractice claims
- insurance and real estate agents and brokers, and
- the insurers of health care and financial professionals, and for governing bodies such as law societies and colleges of physicians and surgeons.

With our extensive problem-solving experience, we are able to deal with reputation-threatening matters quickly and effectively. We are backed by Dentons' strength in ADR, litigation, insurance and class actions.

Representative Experience

- **KPMG LLP Canada:** Advising the former auditor of the hedge fund on a putative class action in the Province of Québec on behalf of 1,500 retail investors of a hedge fund, as well as a Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act proceeding in the Province of Ontario, initiated by the receiver of the hedge fund.