

PRACTICE CONTACTS

- Kristin C. Cummings

Zelle represents professional liability insurers in matters involving claims brought against their insureds. These claims often include attorneys, insurance agencies, agents and brokers, healthcare providers, accountants, architects, engineers, and other professionals. Zelle lawyers serve their clients in a number of roles depending on the nature of the case. As coverage counsel, Zelle attorneys provide initial coverage advice and assistance in evaluating defense and/or indemnity obligations in a given case, guide clients in properly reserving their rights in the context of providing a defense, and represent those clients in litigation if a dispute develops. As monitoring counsel, Zelle attorneys provide their clients with concise analysis of potential claim exposure at the early stages of a claim and throughout litigation, ensure the defense team is adequately addressing the key issues in the litigation, and facilitate communication between the defense team and the client.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Represented liability insurer in \$25 million dispute involving pharmaceutical drug trials.

Represented medical liability insurer in connection with liability for numerous wrongful death claims at a New Orleans hospital following Hurricane Katrina.

Represented professional liability insurer in connection with \$300 million claim involving securities fraud.

Represented professional liability insurer in connection with \$40 million claim against law firm involved in land deals.

Represented medical liability insurer in lawsuit involving physician's alleged improper prescription of thrombolytic medicines.

Represented professional liability insurer in connection with claim against engineer of record for major expansion project at international airport.

Represented professional liability insurer in connection with claim for legal malpractice against attorney arising from alleged undisclosed conflicts of interest.

Represented professional liability insurer in connection with claims against

insurance agent arising from alleged insurance scheme involving Real Estate Investment Trust.

Represented professional liability insurer in coverage dispute arising from claim involving alleged mortgage fraud.

Represented medical liability insurer in connection with claim against hospital and nurse arising from patient's exposure to Hepatitis C.