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Biography

Samantha Lemery Rowles serves as coverage and monitoring counsel for several international and domestic insurance carriers, focusing primarily on professional liability claims against attorneys and other professionals. She assists professionals in identifying potential exposure and managing risk.

Samantha also has extensive direct defense experience and has represented clients in a broad spectrum of matters, including products liability, medical malpractice, real estate, commercial, automobile liability, and attorney malpractice litigation. Her clients have included product manufacturers, medical practitioners, healthcare facilities, and a Fortune 500 company. She has successfully crafted creative pre-litigation solutions to address her clients' concerns, as well as aggressively defended her clients in both state and federal court litigation. She also helps organizations navigate regulatory investigations.

Additionally, Samantha has been retained to advise clients regarding cyber and privacy-related risks. For example, Samantha directed a forensic investigation of a personal device to assess whether the device was compromised and analyzed the implications of the release of personal information to unauthorized recipients. Samantha assembles a team of experts to identify the scope of the problem, manage the exposure, and prevent future incidents. Samantha received her Juris Doctor from Emory University School of Law in 2008.

Education

- Emory University School of Law, J.D., 2008
- University of Wisconsin, B.S., 2004

Memberships

- Atlanta Bar Association
- Professional Liability Underwriters Society (PLUS)
- Super Lawyers Rising Stars List, 2018

Presentations and Publications

"Holt Demands," presented to client virtually by Samantha L. Rowles and Zachary J. Ferreira (December 2020)

"Trends in the Life Sciences Arena," presented virtually to London broker by Samantha L. Rowles (October 2020)

"Rising Defense Costs and Social Inflation," presented virtually to London broker by Samantha L. Rowles (October 2020)

"Punitive Damages," presented virtually to London broker by Samantha L. Rowles (September 2020)

"Deposition Training," Client presentation in London, England with Robert E. McLaughlin (June 2019)

"Ethics of the Tri-Partite Relationship" panelist at the Insurance Coverage and Allocation Issues Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (May 2019)

A Delicate Balance: Successful Navigation of the Tripartite Relationship. Co-authored with Jennifer W. Wolak, Crighton T. Allen, and Jennifer Groszek (May 2019)

Cryptocurrency: Key Areas of Concern for Attorneys. Co-authored with Jennifer W. Wolak, Adam I. Adler, and Jennifer Groszek (August 2018)

"Insuralex Talks: Tomorrow's 'New Normal' is Here" – Technology and Product Liability Exposures – Internet of Things" at the Grammy Museum, Los Angeles, California (November 5, 2015)

Experience / Results

Representing Lloyd's Market and domestic liability insurance carriers in monitoring complex malpractice litigation against large U.S. law firms in a variety of practice areas, as well as employment and commercial litigation

Represented real estate agency in successfully opening state court default

Defended sealant product manufacturer in multi-district litigation

Defended manufacturer of axle components in personal injury lawsuit with catastrophic injury exposure

Assisted with litigation involving various manufacturers of computer software programs designed to facilitate proper prescriptions for patients

Defended various medical practitioners in medical malpractice lawsuits in which the nature of the drugs prescribed, the effects of those drugs, and the duty to warn were central issues in the litigation

Defended owner of genetic testing technology in a products liability lawsuit

Defended prescription drug manufacturer in multidistrict litigation

Admissions

STATE BARS

State Bar of Georgia

DISTRICT COURTS

United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

Practice Areas

- Accountants
- Cyber Liability
- Directors & Officers
- Insurance Defense
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability & Indemnity
- Property
- Reinsurance