Fields Howell LLP

# Accountants

## Defending Accountants in Complex Liability Claims

Claims against accountants can involve significant financial stakes and reputational risk. At Fields Howell, we understand the unique challenges insurers face when evaluating coverage and defending professionals accused of negligence or misconduct in the course of providing financial services. Our attorneys are experienced in handling a wide range of matters, including audit failures, tax advice errors, misstatements in financial reporting, and breach of fiduciary duty.

We work closely with insurers to assess policy obligations, including questions related to professional liability coverage, prior acts, and exclusions. Our team regularly provides detailed coverage opinions and serves as monitoring counsel in complex litigation, helping carriers evaluate risk, manage exposure, and control costs. When disputes escalate, we are prepared to defend insureds in state and federal courts, as well as before regulatory bodies.

Our approach is both strategic and proactive. We aim to resolve claims efficiently whenever possible, but we are always ready to take matters through trial when necessary. Whether advising on a coverage dispute or defending a multi-million dollar claim against a national accounting firm, Fields Howell brings experience, precision, and unwavering advocacy to every case.

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