

## Premises Liability

### Defending Property Owners from the Ground Up

Premises liability claims are among the most frequent and varied types of litigation insurers face. At Fields Howell, we represent insureds in claims involving residential, commercial, industrial, and public properties. Whether the claim involves alleged negligence in maintenance, security failures, or hazardous conditions, our attorneys are equipped to defend against allegations and manage exposure with precision.

Our experience includes defending property owners, landlords, tenants, hospitality businesses, retailers, and institutions in claims involving personal injury, wrongful death, and property damage. We routinely handle disputes tied to trip-and-fall incidents, weather-related hazards, negligent security, ADA compliance, and unsafe construction zones. These cases often require fact-intensive investigations, expert analysis, and early strategic positioning to resolve efficiently.

We also advise insurers on coverage issues, including exclusions related to intentional acts, indemnification clauses, and overlapping general liability or umbrella policies. When litigation becomes necessary, our trial-ready attorneys manage discovery, coordinate with insureds and experts, and implement strong defense strategies tailored to the jurisdiction and venue. Whether negotiating settlements or taking cases to verdict, Fields Howell delivers grounded, effective defense for premises-related claims of any size.

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