



INSURANCE CARRIERS AS LEGAL MALPRACTICE PLAINTIFFS

Presented by DRI's Professional Liability Committee

This program will discuss the increasing trend of insurance carriers asserting claims against their defense counsel for legal malpractice. The speakers will explore the reasons carriers bring these claims, standing of primary and excess carriers to sue, how elements of legal malpractice cases apply, the damages recoverable, use of tolling agreements, how to conduct the trial and strategies of the plaintiff carriers, defense attorneys and attorneys' legal malpractice carriers. The speakers include a director of claims for a major legal malpractice insurance carrier who supervises the defense of these claims and a legal malpractice *defense* attorney who is regularly retained by carriers to *prosecute* these claims.

Who Should Attend

- Defense attorneys routinely appointed by insurance carriers
- Defense attorneys who handle legal malpractice cases
- Insurance claims attorneys and analysts, especially those handling legal malpractice claims
- Underwriters and brokers of legal malpractice insurance

What You Will Learn

- The nature and extent of these claims and cases against defense attorneys
- How legal malpractice elements are applied to these cases
- Plaintiff and defense strategies
- Actual damages recoverable
- Standing to sue

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3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Central

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12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Pacific



Gary Grasso of Grasso Bass & Williams PC, in Chicago, Illinois has 25 years of professional liability experience concentrating on attorney liability and ethics matters. He also represents insurance companies against attorneys. Mr. Grasso was recently featured at a major insurer's conference on the increase of carriers suing attorneys for malpractice. Mr. Grasso was a hearing officer for the Illinois Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission. He is a member of DRI's Lawyers' Professionalism and Ethics Committee.



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