



Practice Groups - Dental Liability

The dental liability practice group of Reminger is composed of more than ten lawyers, combining extensive experience and expertise in the defense of dentists, including all of the recognized dental specialties. Collectively, we have defended over 1,000 dental malpractice cases throughout the State.

We have significant experience in the representation of dentists before the Ohio State Dental Board.

In conjunction with our business lawyers, we have significant experience in assisting dentists with various aspects of practice management including employment issues, transactional issues involving the sale or purchase of a practice, and questions relating to corporate structure.

Our attorneys are frequent speakers at risk management seminars for dentists sponsored by professional liability insurers, professional organizations, and local study clubs. Several of our attorneys serve on the active faculty of the Case Western Reserve School of Dentistry, where we provide an introduction to the law and risk management practices for dental students and other faculty members. Our attorneys also regularly contribute to literature on risk management for dentists; our contributions range from periodic reports to our clients on particular issues to comprehensive book chapters on risk management published in textbooks on implant dentistry.

We have a deep appreciation for the fact that a claim against any professional can be stressful and carry significant long term consequences. Therefore, we evaluate our cases in the early stages of litigation in order to develop a thoughtful defense strategy and successful case resolution.

OUR SERVICE AND PHILOSOPHY OF CASE HANDLING

Our group distinguishes itself from our competition in the following basic ways:

1. **Expertise.** Through the individual and collective experience of our practice group attorneys, we bring to the table a vast amount of expertise in the handling of dental malpractice cases. Our attorneys are familiar with the involved anatomy and can quickly identify the dental/legal issues once presented with the pertinent facts.
2. **Dedicated Client Service.** Our practice protocol requires our attorneys to contact the insured professional immediately upon receipt of a new assignment and to meet with the new client as soon as practical following receipt of the assignment. Within twenty-one days, we will provide an initial analytical report along with comprehensive recommendations for further handling.
3. **Philosophy of Practice.** Reminger's dental liability attorneys are trial lawyers, rather than 'litigators'. Once we collaborate with the client on a decision or objective on a case, we become proactive in resolving the matter in the least amount of time and at the least amount of expense. Similarly, if the decision is made that the case should be defended through trial, our attorneys will prepare the case for trial in a dedicated and consistent manner; we will not change the course at the eleventh hour in order to 'avoid the courtroom'.

4. **Good Value.** Our firm is a pioneer in 'alternative fee' arrangements with clients. If a client chooses to be charged by the hour, our rate is simple and straightforward. We use a singular, blended, net hourly rate, applicable to all handling attorneys. Our net rate is inclusive of all in-house, out-of-pocket expenses. Thus, there are no extra charges for such things as long distance telephone, mailings, mileage, computer usage research charges, fax, copies, etc.
5. **Value Added Components.** Our dental liability group members are available for complimentary consultation with both insureds and claim representatives for input on the handling of risk management issues and/or claims which have not reached the litigation stage. Additionally, our attorneys will make themselves available on a complimentary basis to speak with insurance professionals and/or dental professionals about risk management issues.

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