



## Professional Liability Defense

Vandeventer Black's Professional Liability Defense for Design Professionals team is experienced in defending architects, engineers, contractors and subcontractors in project design and construction matters of all types. We represent design professionals in disputes over errors and omissions in design and construction administration, trade defamation, copyright and trademark infringement, fraud, breach of contract and fee disputes. We are also skilled with litigating allegations of failure to meet the applicable standards of practice.

Our clients range from solo practitioners and small architecture and engineering firms to large national and international firms. We are experienced in investigating, negotiating, counseling and defending all types of professional liability claims, from the most hazardous to the most benign. In addition, we are prepared to address claims alleging pollution, asbestos and other environmental hazards as well as terrorism, as they relate to design. Our team is seasoned in all aspects of construction law and litigation in state and federal courts and in arbitration. Several of our attorneys are engineers and have field experience. Our attorneys are panel counsel for architect and engineering professional liability insurance carriers, and routinely consult with and advise the insurance industry on issues ranging from coverage to risk reduction.

Vandeventer Black also consults with design firms on risk management and prevention. We review and negotiate contracts, assist with bid packages, and provide a review of insurance policies. We also assist and coordinate the development of PPEA procured projects.

We are experienced in mediation and arbitration and represent design professionals before various grievance committees and licensing boards.

We are actively involved in a variety of industry-related organizations, including the American Institute of Architects, the American Council of Engineering Companies, Associated Builders & Contractors, Associated General Contractors and Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA). This first hand involvement helps us stay abreast of the important trends and issues design professionals face.

Vandeventer Black's relationship working with insurance carriers streamlines the process, providing legal defense strategies that will best serve the client. We pride ourselves in open communication between the carrier and client, involving them in the process and explaining various options and making clear recommendations. And, we operate on a simple philosophy: Quick and efficient claims resolution.

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