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Our **Lawyers for the Profession®** group is devoted to representing and advising lawyers and law firms on all aspects of the "law governing lawyers." We focus on four broad areas: legal malpractice defense; ethics and professional responsibility representation and counseling; law firm organization and structure; and risk management services. We have 11 states well-covered and try lawyers' cases nationally wherever needed. Our lawyers anticipate and preempt professional problems, but when disputes occur we offer sound solutions or, where necessary, effective advocacy.

Our leading position as lawyers for the profession is further evidenced in the published works of our team, the professional appointments and bar association positions we hold, the frequency with which members of our group are invited to serve as expert witnesses, and the large number of lectures and presentations we are invited to give annually. In fact, we have chaired virtually every bar-related organization and committee concerned with legal ethics and professional responsibility and one of our partners served as President of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers (APRL), a nationally prominent bar group.

Hinshaw has one of the largest and most respected professional liability practices in the United States, with more than 125 attorneys who have extensive experience in the defense of diverse professional liability claims. We offer lawyers a comprehensive suite of risk management services for law firms and lawyers to help manage the complexities of practicing law.

> **Lawyering Law** is Hinshaw's risk management service for lawyers and law firms of fewer than 50 lawyers who are insureds of partner professional liability insurers. Lawyering Law provides access to **on-demand CLE programs,** an **e-library of proprietary risk management advice,** and **real-time risk management counselling**. Hinshaw helps lawyers minimize–if not eliminate–the risks of potential claims by clients and non-clients, disciplinary proceedings, and even criminal prosecution. Consult with your insurance provider, broker, agent, or contact us to learn if you qualify.

Deep Legal Experience with a National Footprint: With more than 125 professionals across 11 states, our team has decades of experience defending attorneys and firms in litigation, disciplinary actions, and regulatory investigations—while advising on ethical conduct, firm structure, and operational best practices.

Support for the Full Lifecycle of Law Firm Risk: We support legal professionals at every stage, from onboarding and engagement letter protocols to partner succession planning and cyber incident response. Our

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comprehensive suite of services anticipates risk before it escalates.

Recognized Leadership in Legal Ethics and Regulation: Our attorneys are frequent CLE presenters, published authors, and active participants in state bar ethics committees. When regulators need guidance, they often call us.

Areas of Focus

Attorney Disqualification & Conflicts

We defend attorneys and firms facing disqualification motions, joint representation issues, former client conflicts, and allegations of confidentiality breaches.

Confidential Wellness & Well-Being Support

Through our *Counselors for the Profession* initiative, we provide private support for attorneys facing mental health, substance use, burnout, or transitional challenges. Our team collaborates with licensing bodies and employers to support long-term professional health.

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Consultant/Coach for the Profession®

Our team includes certified coaches and strategic consultants who advise lawyers and firm leaders on communication, DEI, executive presence, firm culture, and leadership development. Whether guiding a managing partner or supporting firmwide change, we tailor solutions to your goals.

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Cyber Alerts and Incident Management

When cyberattacks occur, Hinshaw's team helps clients investigate the breach, manage disclosure obligations, coordinate with forensic experts, notify affected individuals, and communicate with regulators and insurers. We also counsel on law firm privilege and reputational protection.

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Cybersecurity for Law Firms

We advise firms on cyber risk prevention, breach response, and compliance with state and federal data protection laws. Our work includes incident response planning, training, policy review, and post-breach mitigation involving PII, PHI, and law firm privilege.

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Ethics & Disciplinary Proceedings

We represent attorneys before bar disciplinary boards, licensing authorities, and regulatory agencies. From bar complaints and trust account issues to alleged violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct, we deliver practical strategies that protect licensure and reputation.

Expert Witness & CLE Engagements

Our attorneys serve as expert witnesses in legal malpractice and ethics cases and provide bespoke CLE trainings to law firms, bar associations, and insurers.

Law Firm Risk Management & Internal Governance

We help firms implement internal controls to minimize exposure: conflict-checking systems, lateral integration protocols, engagement agreements, succession planning, and whistleblower response frameworks.

Lawyering Law - Risk Management Services

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Legal Malpractice & Professional Liability Defense

We defend individual lawyers and law firms in claims involving negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, conflicts, missed deadlines, and client disputes. Our team regularly tries cases in state and federal courts and works with leading professional liability insurers.

Litigation Management for Law Firms and Insurers

Hinshaw provides coordinated litigation oversight for firms and insurers managing multiple legal malpractice matters. We standardize defense strategy, streamline reporting, and focus on early resolution and cost containment across jurisdictions.

Built for the Practice of Law

Lawyers need more than defense: they need partners who understand the pressures, standards, and business realities of legal practice. Hinshaw's *Lawyers for the Profession®* team helps law firms operate with confidence, resolve challenges with discretion, and lead with integrity. Whether you're an associate facing a bar complaint or a firm managing cyber risk and succession planning, we offer the knowledge, strategy, and support you need.

Insights

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Jun 29, 2026

Beyond Malpractice: The Rising Threat of Privacy and Statutory Claims Against Lawyers

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Jun 3, 2026

In Memoriam: Former Hinshaw Partner Ronald E. Mallen

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May 27-29, 2026

Steve Puiszis Moderates Discussion on Today's Law Firm Risk Environment

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May 12, 2026

Hinshaw GC Steve Puiszis Discusses Protecting Attorney-Client Privilege in an AI Age

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Kate Schnake Presents on Hot Topics in Legal Malpractice and Risk Management

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Matt Henderson Provides Media Insights as Conflict of Interest Lawsuits Target Law Firms

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When Does a Client's Duty to Investigate Begin? Lessons from a Time-Barred Malpractice Case

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Apr 14, 2026

Bloomberg Law Recaps Panels Presented at Hinshaw's 25th Anniversary LMRM Conference

Event
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25th Annual Legal Malpractice & Risk Management (LMRM) Conference

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Feb 24, 2026

Lucy Wang Authors *Law360* "Expert Analysis" on Why Attorney Civility Means More in 2026

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