



Claims Against Attorneys and Law Firms

Description

Dunn DeSantis Walt & Kendrick, LLP pursues high-value and catastrophic legal malpractice claims on behalf of clients who have been harmed by the errors, negligence, or intentional misconduct of their former attorneys.

Led by partners [David D. Cardone](#) and [Adam J. Yarbrough](#), DDWK is regularly hired by individuals and businesses for a broad range of professional liability disputes with attorneys and law firms. Such claims typically involve:

- Legal malpractice based on negligence
- Breach of fiduciary duty
- Fraud and intentional misconduct
- Conflicts of interest and ethical violations

Our work in this area is distinguished by our collaboration with [Stanford & Associates](#), a nationally recognized law firm dedicated exclusively to representing plaintiffs in claims against attorneys and law firms. This relationship began decades ago when DDWK attorneys regularly defended legal malpractice cases filed by [Dan Stanford](#) and his team. Over time, that professional respect evolved into a unique partnership. Today, DDWK and Stanford & Associates work together to pursue claims on behalf of plaintiffs in California and across the United States.

In recent years, this collaboration has resulted in the recovery of more than \$200 million for clients wronged by their prior counsel. By combining DDWK's litigation experience with the singular focus of Stanford & Associates, we provide a powerful, well-recognized, and aggressive team to these complex cases.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Secured a significant recovery through confidential mediation for a prominent Southern California real estate development firm in legal malpractice claims against former counsel following a \$19M loss in arbitration over construction delay disputes.

- Achieved a substantial settlement in legal malpractice, breach of fiduciary duty, and fraud claims against a Southern California law firm that failed to disclose a conflict of interest while representing a San Diego healthcare business.
- Recovered a seven-figure settlement for a retired U.S. Navy doctor and his wife in legal malpractice claims against former counsel who mishandled their underlying medical malpractice case.
- Represented and obtained compensation for a retired U.S. Marine Corps veteran whose prior attorney failed to timely file personal injury claims related to a career-ending injury.
- Successfully represented the spouse of a prominent Bay Area construction executive in a legal malpractice matter where prior counsel failed to adequately prosecute a spousal support claim.
- Defeated defamation claims and subsequent appeals brought against a California law firm by a plaintiff challenging the firm's description of its trial court victories in underlying litigation.
- Recovered more than \$125 million in a confidential pre-litigation settlement on behalf of a client whose legal malpractice claim arose from prior litigation in California. Believed to be the largest single-plaintiff legal malpractice recovery in California history and among the largest nationwide.