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# Legal Profession and Ethics Practice

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**With its national litigation reputation and decades of experience representing lawyers and law firms, Zuckerman Spaeder is a go-to firm among those who know the legal industry best: other lawyers.**

**Z**uckerman Spaeder has been at the center of some of the country's most significant law firm investigations and cases for years, building a reputation as "the best law firm in town for lawyers who need a lawyer." Zuckerman Spaeder has represented the largest law firms in the country, small and midsize firms, and solo practitioners. The firm actively works with law firms to defend malpractice lawsuits and criminal prosecutions, address ethics concerns and navigate complex investigations.

**WE:**

- ▶ Defend law firms and lawyers in civil and criminal litigation as well as malpractice suits;
- ▶ Advise on regulatory concerns, such as disciplinary issues, unauthorized practice issues and bar admissions problems; and
- ▶ Counsel law firms on all aspects of the business of practicing law and complicated ethics issues.

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Exceptionally skilled at presenting the circumstances under which a lawyer had to make a tough call and defending the lawyer's actions.”

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## THE LAWYERS' LAWYERS

No matter the issue facing your practice, Zuckerman Spaeder can help:

### Malpractice litigation

Malpractice and other civil claims present sensitive and complicated challenges and can be extremely disruptive to your practice. We understand the subtle and complicated issues that can arise, including causation issues, statute of limitation problems, attorney-client relationship issues, alleged conflicts of interest, privity questions, and complex damages issues, and we know how to manage the “case within a case” defense that frequently arises in such suits.

For defendant lawyers, law firm management, and the partnership alike, we have helped navigate the highly volatile challenges involving reputations, firm finances, and duties to all partners.

### Criminal investigations and litigation

We bring our white collar criminal defense experience to bear in assisting lawyers who are subjects or targets of criminal investigations, and in addressing prosecutors who increasingly view lawyers as a source of evidence against law firm clients. We have advised lawyers subject to criminal investigations or charges and who have received subpoenas for documents or testimony about client matters.

We also defend law firms against fraud, conspiracy, and money-laundering charges, and we conduct highly sensitive internal investigations for law firms involving these and other issues.

### Disciplinary actions

Our attorneys have represented scores of lawyers and law firms in responding to bar inquiries and defending against bar prosecutions in numerous state and federal jurisdictions, including federal agencies that have internal disciplinary procedures. We also counsel attorneys on issues related to the unauthorized practice of law, and many of our partners have served on disciplinary committees and boards of professional responsibility in a number of different jurisdictions.

### Ethics counseling

We advise on a wide range of ethics issues and matters related to the business of law practice, including conflicts of interest, loss prevention, attorney misconduct, fees and pricing, and how to take advantage of Washington, D.C.'s unique rule permitting non-lawyer partners in law firms.

### Business of Law

Throughout the law firm life cycle—starting from firm organization, partnership agreements, lateral hiring and recruitment, through internal disputes and partner departures, to merger agreements, law firm dissolutions and bankruptcies, we have advised on the business of law.

We also advise clients about litigation funding, and affiliations between lawyers and non-lawyers, including integration of related businesses (such as lobbying and public policy, consulting, and title or insurance businesses) into a law firm.

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## About Zuckerman Spaeder LLP



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Zuckerman Spaeder is consistently recognized as a leading boutique law firm—and for good reason. For 40 years, the firm has attracted extraordinarily talented and experienced attorneys who are committed to each one of their clients. We help them with their most complex, high-stakes legal problems and consistently deliver positive results.

With an approach that is both aggressive and savvy, Zuckerman Spaeder seeks to resolve matters before they get to trial—often saving clients from considerable expense and unwanted attention. And when needed, the firm's focused trial lawyers know how to go toe-to-toe with industry regulators, government agencies, and opposing counsel.