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TOP PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY LAWYERS

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David Parker is a seasoned attorney with a 48-year career in legal practice. He began his journey defending lawyers in malpractice cases at Overton Lyman & Prince. In 1979, he co-founded Lewis, D'Amato, Brisbois & Bisgaard with a group of seven colleagues. In 1995, Parker established his current firm, focusing on both defending and prosecuting legal malpractice cases.

"Defending lawyers was also attractive because lawyers practice in many areas of law and a malpractice attorney must learn the relevant law in a myriad of disciplines ranging from family law, trust and estates/probate law, construction, taxes, corporate, real estate and even criminal law," he said. "Being a malpractice lawyer makes you a specialist and the ultimate generalist at the same time."

Over the past five years, Parker has successfully negotiated several seven-figure legal malpractice cases for clients against lawyers, and in one notable instance, an eight-figure set-tlement.

In 2023, he served as lead counsel in a malpractice case against the fourth-largest insurance brokerage firm in the world, securing a judgment exceeding $5 million.

"The case that went to trial required not only proving negligence, but to prove causation and damages, we need to prove the existence of insurance coverage," Parker said. "Things have really changed in our profession over the past half century. In the settlements, two were achieved without filing suit and the challenge was to develop enough evidence to press for a good settlement without incurring the expense of litigation. In one case that was in litigation for several years, we had the challenge of proving lost profits on a new business."

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