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TOP PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY LAWYERS

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Shawn Shaffie has been practicing law since 2009 and joined Parker Shaffie in 2016, becoming a partner in 2020. Shaffie's practice is primarily focused on professional liability, representing attorneys, accountants and other business professionals.

"I wanted to branch out," Shaffie said in an interview last year about joing the firm. "One of the things that really appealed to me about this specific law firm is that even though we do plaintiff-side work ... we really go out of our way to scrutinize cases that are coming in. Unless there's a straight line, we're not in the business of giving our brothers and sisters in the legal profession a hard time."

He said the field requires a nuanced understanding of professional standards and ethics, which he finds particularly compelling due to the significant impact these cases can have on individuals and organizations.

"This commitment extends to our case selection, where we prioritize matters that align with our values and allow us to contribute to a more just and ethical professional landscape. We're also very selective in the plaintiff cases we take on," Shaffie said. "We recognize that the legal community is a close-knit one, and we're not in the business of simply making things difficult for our colleagues,so to speak. Therefore, we decline a substantial number of potential plaintiff representations."

Recently, he achieved significant results in cases involving professional liability, breach of fiduciary duty and fee disputes, particularly within the entertainment industry.

A concerning trend observed by Shaffie is the misconception among some professionals in Hollywood and the music industry that standard professional conduct obligations, such as those related to conflicts of interest, do not apply to them.

"This is a serious misunderstanding and our firm is committed to ensuring that these standards are respected and enforced, regardless of the industry," Shaffie said.

Sharing additional observations, he said, in recent years, there has been a lot of insurance carriers looking to sue their former prior panel defense counsel.

"Also, there is a huge surge in our clients' awareness for the need to pursue legal malpractice and ethics claims against Hollywood and music industry professionals," Shaffie said.

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