

## Directors & Officers Liability

The stakes have never been higher for corporate executives who today face the most complex and zealously enforced regulatory environment in history – one in which personal liability can result in the loss of one's career, wealth and even freedom.

The members of Plunkett Cooney's Directors and Officers (D&O) Liability Practice Group work with clients who find themselves and their businesses subjected to costly and often high profile claims involving alleged breach of duties owed to shareholders, third parties and other executives.

Corporate governance disputes, securities fraud, breach of fiduciary responsibility actions, negligence claims, and shareholder derivative suits are among the many types of D&O assignments our attorneys undertake on behalf of their clients. The firm also provides oversight and coordination services during regulatory and criminal investigations, as well as vigorous defense of enforcement actions.

When requested, our attorneys offer advice and counsel on strategies that proactively address corporate governance issues through the implementation of loss prevention programs. They discreetly investigate, independently and in conjunction with corporate investigative boards, claims of alleged wrongdoing by corporate executives, boards and committees. Such internal investigations typically arise from audits, due diligence efforts and whistleblower claims.

Some of the world's largest insurance providers call upon Plunkett Cooney when their policyholders are targeted by D&O claims, and our attorneys have particular expertise resolving claims involving banks and financial service firms.