

Klehr Harrison Launches Atty Professional Liability Group

By **James Boyle**

Law360 (April 24, 2025, 4:02 PM EDT) -- Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg LLP recently launched a new practice group within the firm's litigation department dedicated to representing attorneys and law firms facing malpractice accusations.

Eleven attorneys in Klehr Harrison's Philadelphia, New York and Marlton, New Jersey, offices have joined the newly launched lawyers' professional liability practice group this week, the firm announced Tuesday. The practice leader, litigation partner and Klehr Harrison's co-general counsel Teri Sherman, told Law360 Pulse in an interview Thursday that the creation of the practice formalizes services the firm has been providing for several years.

"This is work we have already been doing," Sherman said. "By establishing it into a new practice group under the litigation department, we are formalizing and expanding our existing work. We can also promote the group externally to existing and prospective clients. Internally, having a practice group allows us to more easily hold regular meetings and confer with each other on matters we are working on."



Teri Sherman

As the name of the practice suggests, the lawyers' professional liability group represents attorneys and law firms experiencing litigation alleging malpractice or malfeasance. Sherman said the attorneys in the practice also work with clients to reduce their risks and minimize their exposure to possible complaints and torts.

"The market has been growing lately, as trends show that lawyers and law firms are becoming more targeted for litigation," Sherman said. "Even when an attorney does not believe they committed any malpractice, they can be a target for unhappy clients."

Notable colleagues joining Sherman in the lawyers' professional liability practice group include Paige Willan, co-chair of the litigation department; former firm general counsel Michael Coran; and former managing partner William Harvey.

Willan told Law360 Pulse in an interview Thursday afternoon that she enjoys representing other attorneys in litigation, saying the professional connections she makes with the clients have been "really rewarding."

"It's great to have that connection with a client who really understands the business and who knows you understand their world," Willan said. "Over the course of my career, I got to work with and represent lawyers I admire, and through that work I've become a better lawyer."

Sherman, who splits her time between Klehr Harrison's Philadelphia and New York offices, joined the firm in 2015, moving her practice over from Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP. She started her career as a general litigation attorney and soon added professional liability to her practice. Sherman's work also includes commercial contract and business tort litigation, commercial real estate disputes, corporate governance, and labor and employment disputes.

"Lawyers' professional liability work kind of grew organically into my practice," Sherman said. "I successfully defended an attorney in one matter, and it just expanded from there."

Sherman said adding professional liability services to her practice pairs perfectly with her role as the firm's co-general counsel, a position she took on in January 2024. She considers the firm and her colleagues at Klehr Harrison her clients and advises them regularly on all aspects of operations, such as ethical conflicts, employment and personnel issues, and risk management.

--Editing by Daniel King.