

# Malpractice Claims: Statistics and Trends

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## Scope of Presentation:

- ▶ Malpractice claims statistics and trends
- ▶ American Bar Association Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability
- ▶ Study: Profile of Legal Malpractice Claims, 2012 – 2015

## Finding Claim Information:

- ▶ Directly from carriers
- ▶ Cases – Decided
- ▶ Surveys

## ABA Study:

- ▶ ABA surveyed carriers in 1985, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011, and 2015
- ▶ Latest study of legal malpractice claims covers 2012–2015
- ▶ Caveats
  - Differences among states
  - Pool of carriers changes from study to study
  - Different methodologies used from study to study

## Majority of Claims:

- ▶ New York City, New York
- ▶ Los Angeles, California
- ▶ Chicago, Illinois
- ▶ Houston, Texas

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