# 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

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## **Finding Claim Information:**

- Directly from carriers
- Cases Decided
- Surveys

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#### **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

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## **Majority of Claims:**

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

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