

# INSURANCE AND WORKERS COMPENSATION DEFENSE

LITIGATION DIVISION

Workers' compensation claims can put a business or government in a vulnerable financial position. That is why our seasoned litigators are prepared to vigorously defend your claim. We put you in a leveraged position at every stage in the life cycle of the litigation to make the key decision whether to obtain a favorable settlement or try the case.

Given our experience involving the intersections of insurance, government liability and the law of sovereign immunity, we are uniquely qualified to defend workers' compensation claims on behalf of public sector clients. For example, we successfully defended a complex claim involving the Florida Heart & Lung Bill, creating important precedent. The claim involved interpretation of the statutory requirement of a pre-employment physical for law enforcement officers upon entering full duty service in order to obtain the benefits of the statutory presumption of compensability of heart disease. Florida's First District Court of Appeal agreed with our argument that the 2001 amendment to the legislation, which added law enforcement officers to the scope of the statute, required police officers hired prior to the effective date to prove they successfully passed a pre-employment physical at the time of full duty service. This is but one example of how our advocacy helps shape the law in Florida.