

Four Steps to Take When You're Sued

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According to the American Bar Association's "Lawyer's Desk Guide to Preventing Legal Malpractice," attorneys in private practice have between a 4 and 17 percent chance of being sued for malpractice each year. Over the course of a career, these risks mount.

In 1950, attorneys entering the profession had approximately a 2 percent chance of being sued by a client. For attorneys entering the profession in 2000, it is closer to a 95 percent chance of receiving either a legal malpractice claim or bar grievance.

Unfortunately, being sued has become only another unfortunate byproduct of an increasingly litigious society. For attorneys, this is made worse by the disparity between reality and what clients see on nightly television shows about attorneys and the practice of law.

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