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Resolving disputes  
*for business people.*



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## FIRM PROFILE

Allen & Gooch is a law firm that has been built to meet the numerous and complex legal needs of business people in the 21st Century. We are dedicated to resolving disputes for business people through litigation, alternative dispute resolution such as mediation and commercial arbitration, or through any other legal means necessary to protect the interests of our clients.

Our firm is composed of a formidable team of attorneys who fully understand how to represent businesses, entrepreneurs and business professionals. We provide each of our clients with a level of experience and expertise that offers uncommon value and legal prowess that is unsurpassed in this region.

Our team of attorneys covers many areas of law in order to meet the specific needs of each client. When you come to Allen & Gooch, we will provide you with expertise geared to your specific legal problem; a thorough evaluation of legal risks balanced against your business objectives; clear explanations of your legal options; and timely resolution of your legal problems.

From business transactions to insurance & casualty litigation and so much more - Allen & Gooch combines extraordinary legal ability with a proven reputation in litigation to bring our clients added value by receiving the highest possible quality of legal representation.



**ATTORNEYS**

In order to meet the diverse legal needs of our clients, Allen & Gooch offers a large team of attorneys covering many areas of practice. Our attorneys bring a level of legal expertise that is commensurate with the growing businesses in our region. This extraordinary expertise is incorporated into the legal strategies that we develop for each client. We provide unsurpassed practical and legal knowledge – and we firmly believe that legal advice is never good unless it advances our clients’ objectives.

Perhaps the biggest testament to our level of expertise is the fact that we commonly represent lawyers, doctors and other business professionals – in addition to businesses of all sizes, from large corporations to small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Backed by a skilled support staff and the latest in technology, our attorneys also regularly participate in continuing education programs to stay abreast of changes in state and federal law. In addition, we host various seminars to keep business professionals informed about topics such as business planning, workers’ compensation, insurance regulations and much more.

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## **PRACTICE AREAS**

The areas of law covered by Allen & Gooch are diverse and comprehensive, which allows us to meet the various legal needs of business people and businesses of all types. Each of our attorneys focuses his or her practice on distinct areas of law, which helps to ensure that each of our clients receives the highest level of expertise pertaining to their specific legal needs. In addition, Allen & Gooch has an exceptional history in the areas of insurance & casualty litigation and business transactions, and our expertise also extends to many other legal segments.

### **BUSINESS LITIGATION**

### **BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS**

### **CIVIL RIGHTS/PUBLIC ENTITY WORK**

### **CONSTRUCTION LAW**

### **EMPLOYMENT LITIGATION**

### **INSURANCE & CASUALTY LITIGATION**

### **MARITIME CASUALTY**

### **PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY**



**BUSINESS LITIGATION**

Business litigation cases can be extremely complicated and difficult. That is why our attorneys’ proven expertise and experience of in this area of law is so important for our clients’ success. Comprehensive strategic planning, proven adaptability and a thorough understanding of our clients’ objectives are some of the key attributes that Allen & Gooch brings to business litigation cases. In cases of great size and complexity, our team of attorneys will collaborate to bring even more added value to our clients. From contract disputes to unfair trade practices and much more – we provide the highest standards of litigation as well as alternative dispute resolution options to protect the interests of our clients.

Our expertise in this area includes, but is not limited to:

- **Business Litigation and Arbitration**
- **Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices**
- **Contract Disputes**
- **Corporate Governance/Shareholder’s Disputes**
- **Bankruptcy Litigation**
- **RICO**
- **Shareholder’s Rights**
- **UCC**
- **Motor Vehicle Franchise Law**



## **BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS**

When it comes to business transactions, our attorneys have a level of expertise that growing businesses and entrepreneurs in our region can count on to meet their needs. Whether it's banking & finance, commercial contracts, mergers & acquisitions or forming corporations, partnerships or entities – we have the knowledge and experience to get the job done right. We have served the legal needs of countless local companies from oilfield to construction, developers, builders and lenders – just to name a few. The caliber of our work in business transactions is exceptional, with a focus on balancing the objectives of our clients against the legal risks and issues facing both new and established businesses.

Our expertise in this segment includes, but is not limited to:

- **Corporate Advisory Services**
- **Banking & Finance**
- **Commercial Contracts**
- **Sales, Mergers & Acquisitions**
- **Entity Formation**
- **Contract Negotiations**
- **Loan Documents**
- **Asset Purchase Agreements**
- **Debt Restructuring and Workout Plans**
- **Government Regulatory Compliance**
- **Real Estate Transactions**
- **Leasing**
- **Structuring Venture Capital**
- **Asset-based and Commercial Financing**
- **Corporate Advisory Services**
- **Shareholder Agreements**
- **Stock Sales**



**CIVIL RIGHTS/PUBLIC ENTITY WORK**

Over the years, defending civil rights cases such as discrimination or harassment claims against employers has become a growing segment at Allen & Gooch. Our attorneys have gained a great deal of expertise in defending both private companies (and their insurance companies as well as public entities against civil rights and constitutional rights claims. From police departments to utilities companies and all types of government agencies – we have the experience and in-depth legal knowledge needed to defend public entities and their employers in legal disputes concerning civil rights and constitutional issues.

Our expertise in this area of law includes, but is not limited to:

- **Harassment Claims**
- **Discrimination Claims**
- **Wrongful Termination Claims**
- **Enforcement of Non-compete Agreements**
- **Denial of Due Process**
- **First Amendment/Free Speech Claims**



## **CONSTRUCTION LAW**

From injuries on a construction site to breach of contract, design defects or payment disputes – every aspect of a construction project can involve legal issues. For decades, our attorneys at Allen & Gooch have successfully handled the ins and outs of construction law. We represent clients including owners, general contractors, subcontractors, design professionals and insurance companies in both public and private construction projects. Although our attorneys have a great deal of trial experience in this area of law, we also provide alternative dispute resolution through arbitration when it is in the best interest of our clients.

Our expertise in this legal segment includes, but is not limited to:

- **Construction Defects**
- **Design Deficiencies**
- **Payment Disputes**
- **Contractual Agreements**
- **Analysis of Claims Against Performance of Labor, and Material Payment Bonds**
- **Negotiation of Disputes**
- **Defense of Sureties**
- **Surety Bonds for Construction**



## **EMPLOYMENT LITIGATION**

In recent years, employment claims have become one of the fastest growing categories of federal court cases. That is why our clients rely on our attorneys' wealth of experience in defending employers and their insurance companies in cases ranging from workers' compensation claims to wage claims, enforcement of non-compete agreements, wrongful termination claims and much more. Although our attorneys are accomplished litigators in the field of employment law, we also provide alternative dispute resolution through arbitration when appropriate. In addition, Allen & Gooch provides training programs for employers in an effort to prevent future claims.

Our expertise in this area includes, but is not limited to:

- **Workers' Compensation Disputes**
- **Employment Litigation and Arbitration**
- **Discrimination Claims**
- **Wage Claims**
- **Non-compete Agreements**
- **Employment Agreements**
- **Employee Handbooks and Policies**



## **INSURANCE & CASUALTY LITIGATION**

Our attorneys have an unparalleled reputation for assertive and effective insurance & casualty litigation. However, when in the best interests of our clients, we are experienced in negotiating settlements through alternative dispute resolution including arbitration and mediation. Highly experienced in federal, state and administrative forums, our attorneys serve clients ranging from large corporations to small businesses, and from insurance companies to licensed professionals. In addition, we encompass a wealth of experience in counseling insurance companies on regulatory compliance.

Our expertise in this legal segment includes, but is not limited to:

- **Casualty Defense**
- **Products Liability**
- **Premises Liability**
- **Professional Liability**
- **Employment Issues**
- **Industrial Safety**
- **Transportation Concerns**
- **Road Hazard Litigation**
- **Environmental Claims/Litigation**
- **Class Action Litigation**
- **Maritime**
- **ERISA**
- **Health Insurance Litigation**
- **Regulatory and Compliance**
- **Trucking Defense**



**MARITIME CASUALTY**

Allen & Gooch has had a distinct focus in the practice of maritime casualty law since the inception of our firm, and over the years we have gained an unsurpassed level of experience and expertise in this complex area of law. We represent the owners and operators of various offshore vessels, rigs and virtually any type of offshore operation. Our attorneys in this field are members of the Maritime Law association, with several also having achieved the status of Proctor. From defending against offshore injury claims to maritime disasters and much more – we provide our clients with the highest quality legal representation available in South Louisiana when it comes to maritime casualty.

Our expertise in this legal segment includes, but is not limited to:

- **Maritime Disasters**
- **Maritime Personal Injury (Jones Act)**
- **Employer’s Liability (Longshoremen’s & Harbor Worker’s Compensation Act)**
- **Negotiating Contracts for Indemnity and Damage Claims**
- **Defense of Marine Insurance Policies**
- **Injury and Wrongful Death Claims**



## **INSURANCE & CASUALTY LITIGATION - TRUCKING DEFENSE**

Today's trucking cases involve a wide range of legal issues including negligence, wrongful death and survival claims, state and federal regulations, and Workers' Compensation. Our goal at Allen & Gooch is to help our clients address these challenges successfully.

### **Aggressive Representation with Added Value**

Combining our decades of trial experience with leading technologies, the attorneys at Allen & Gooch take an aggressive, proactive approach to resolving trucking claims, creating more value for our clients.

Maintaining close communication with companies, insurers, claims administrators, private investigators, law enforcement personnel, witnesses, and experts allows us to facilitate effective methods to resolve claims. Our attorneys have extensive experience investigating facts to expose weaknesses, presenting a compelling defense throughout litigation, and negotiating for settlement if it's the best option.

### **Serving the Business Community**

Allen & Gooch attorneys frequently counsel transportation and logistics companies on regulatory compliance and conduct client seminars on emerging liability and compliance issues.

## **RAPID RESPONSE**

Our rapid response service provides early action following a trucking accident occurrence which can effectively determine the critical difference between a successful outcome or a damaging loss.

With experienced attorneys who know transportation law and who are experienced in representing large trucking companies and their insurers, our firm is well-positioned to handle complex trucking claims. We understand the rules pertaining to the trucking industry and remaining in compliance with investigative authorities. In preserving evidence, conducting investigations and performing early evaluations, we supply you with a thorough and complete defense.

We respond quickly to requests for representation and work closely with accident reconstruction experts and other experts to conduct an investigation that will provide you with a detailed picture of your potential legal exposure.



## **PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY**

When business professionals in South Louisiana need help resolving legal disputes, they turn to Allen & Gooch. Our experienced professional liability attorneys commonly represent lawyers, doctors, insurance agents, accounting professionals and real estate agents, just to name a few. Our team of seasoned litigators provides its clients with a remarkable combination of experience, skill and added value in defending cases involving malpractice, liability and other legal matters.

Our expertise in this area includes, but is not limited to:

- **Legal Malpractice**
- **Medical Malpractice**
- **Accounting Malpractice**
- **Real Estate Malpractice**
- **Insurance Broker and Agent Liability**
- **Architect and Engineer Liability**
- **Director and Officer Liability**



## PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY DEFENSE FOR ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS

Resolving professional liability cases on behalf of architects and engineers requires a legal defense team with an advanced level of knowledge and experience – and that is exactly what the attorneys at Allen & Gooch provide. Our team of seasoned litigators is highly skilled in representing and defending architects and engineers as individual professionals, design firms, design joint ventures, or specific design teams.

Our firm’s experience in the professional liability arena of architects and engineers ranges from design defects to construction defects, errors and omissions claims, and much more. From small residential projects to major commercial and public entity projects, our attorneys have the expertise to successfully handle cases that often involve exceedingly complex transactions and business deals. Regardless of the complexity of the case, Allen & Gooch is focused on effectively and aggressively representing architects and engineers through each and every step of the litigation process. In addition, our attorneys provide cost-effective alternative dispute resolution when it is in the best interests of our clients.

Representation includes:

- **Architects**
- **Bonding Companies**
- **Construction Companies**
- **Engineers**
- **Surveyors**
- **Developers**
- **Interior Designers**
- **Lighting Designers**
- **Landscape Architects**
- **Fire Protection Consultants**

Practice areas include:

- **Architects & Engineers Errors/Omissions**
- **Architects & Engineers Liability**
- **Construction Contracts**
- **Construction Defects**
- **Construction Insurance Defense**
- **Construction Law**
- **Construction Litigation**
- **Construction Products Liability**
- **Contractors Liability**
- **Design Professionals Errors/Omissions**
- **Design Professionals Malpractice**
- **Products Liability**
- **Professional Liability**
- **Regulatory Investigations**



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