



## Property Damage and Construction Liability

### Property Damage Defense

Kaufman Dolowich's general liability defense attorneys are well positioned to advise and defend clients in complex property damage claims. Our lawyers are skilled litigators with extensive experience handling property damage liability cases in state and federal courts. We represent property owners, general contractors, and other parties in a broad range of claims alleging damage to another person's property, including claims involving:

- Construction Defects
- Fire and Explosion Damages
- Water Infiltration Damages
- Mold
- Foundation Claims
- Business Interruption

### Construction Defense Claims

Our firm has particular experience handling construction defect cases related to commercial, residential, industrial, and public works projects. Construction defect claims typically involve complicated relationships between property owners, general contractors and subcontractors. When property liability claims arise, these relationships frequently trigger complex legal issues with liability for damages shifting from one party to another. Our attorneys are keenly familiar with these types of situations. Often, contracts between the parties will address liability and require parties to obtain insurance coverage. Our lawyers thoroughly examine these documents to ensure that the appropriate parties take responsibility for handling the claim and paying any damage awards.

### General Liability Attorneys Protecting Clients from Financial Exposure

Recognizing that property damage cases can expose clients to high damage payouts, our legal team takes an aggressive approach in the defense of these claims. We undertake an early evaluation of each property damage liability claim, examining causation and the scope of damages in the case. Our lawyers also call upon engineers and other experts in the construction field to determine whether the alleged activities could have caused the damage. Additionally, we consult with economic experts to opine on the potential dollar amount of damages in the case. Our objective is to protect our clients' legal rights and interests while providing a clear assessment of the possible liability and financial exposure associated with the claim.

Kaufman Dolowich's lawyers understand that clients want to avoid costly legal battles. When a property damage liability claim arises, we work to resolve the claim in the most expeditious and cost effective manner possible. While many of these cases can be settled during the negotiation process or through alternative dispute resolution procedures, there are times when litigating the matter may be in the best interest of our client. Our team of skilled trial attorneys know how to prepare and defend against property damage liability cases at every stage of the legal process.