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Beazley understands that the healthcare industry is fraught with litigation, and we strive to partner with our insureds to alleviate some of the anxiety and uncertainty when a claim arises. Most of our team members are former healthcare liability defense attorneys, which allows us to navigate through the complex medical and legal issues inherent to healthcare professional liability claims and to take a proactive and real world approach.

Global reach

The Beazley healthcare claims team is based in New York and London, and handle claims across the globe. Although the jurisdictions vary in terms of local laws and customs, we have found that the challenges to healthcare providers and complexities of a medical malpractice claim are universal.

Claims example

The insured was a healthcare institution based in the United States, it was taken to court following a claim involving the amputation of a patient's limbs following a post-operative infection. The lawsuit was brought against Beazley's insured in a challenging jurisdiction, and the plaintiffs were represented by tenacious counsel. In this regard, the plaintiffs' made multiple demands in excess of \$50,000,000, and their counsel refused to engage in meaningful negotiations. Subsequently, Beazley partnered with our insured and collectively decided to take the case to trial. Although the adverse

verdict potential was significant, Beazley agreed with the insured that a settlement in the range contemplated by the plaintiffs was unwarranted given the strength of our defenses. After several weeks of trial, the trial court issued a directed verdict for the defense.

"We understand the needs of healthcare providers and the standards of care required in this industry. Most of our claims professionals have at least six years of legal experience defending medical malpractice claims and working with hospitals, physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals in resolving their claims prior to joining Beazley. Moreover, half of the healthcare claims team were former New York City prosecutors, prior to entering private practice, which gives us a deeper understanding of juries and a practical view of litigation."

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