Consider Risk Factors When Deciding Whether to Accept a New Matter

The acceptance of some legal matters creates a higher risk of claims than others. Examples include cases with imminent deadlines or time limitations, matters that may be too time consuming or expensive for the firm to handle, cases with insufficient evidence to support the clients claims, matters in which the potential fee is either too small to bother with or too large in comparison with the amount that the client might possibly recover, cases that must be filed in another jurisdiction and matters outside your area of practice. Such matters present many opportunities for error or for client dissatisfaction that could result in claims. Lawyers should carefully consider whether it is prudent to accept such cases.