



### **TRIAL ATTORNEY III**

The Trial Attorney III is located in the Nationwide Insurance Trial Division office in Houston, TX. This position requires experience handling commercial insurance defense cases.

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**JOB SUMMARY:** Provides legal representation for clients in matters of higher-risk. Reviews and evaluates assigned cases. Prepares and tries cases in all courts and agencies. Communicates with Claims and clients. Provides related legal advice and services. Fosters and develops relationships with Claims. Might assist in mentoring other trial attorneys and paralegals.

**RELATIONSHIP:** Reports to Managing Attorney.

**JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Leads or works directly on high risk and/or complicated legal matters, representing clients in trials or hearings before courts or agencies, including appeals and arbitrations.
2. May be specialized in one or more areas of law or lines of business. May handle cases at an appellate level and/or in Federal Court.
3. Reviews and evaluates cases and lawsuits. Maintains billable hour requirement.
4. Prepares and tries cases of high complexity and exposure in all courts and agencies, including cases involving toxic substances, extensive injuries, permanent injuries and/or ongoing treatment. Cases may involve inflammatory factors (DUI, death of a child, egregious behavior).
5. Works with client and claims to establish, communicates and implements Litigation Plan. Keeps client and Claims fully informed.
6. Obtains meaningful discovery, takes depositions, and participates in motions practice as warranted.
7. Recognizes, participates and promotes settlement opportunities. Negotiates as authorized; settlement value requires adjuster's second level manager approval.
8. Demonstrated proficiency interpreting Insurance contracts and coverage issues.

**JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

Education: JD degree or equivalent.

Designations: Currently licensed as an attorney in an appropriate U.S. jurisdiction.

Experience: Typically has in excess of eight years of relevant civil litigation, trial experience and/or agency hearing representation experience. A skilled attorney in an area of law relevant to insurance practice.

Knowledge: Has significant expertise in a specialized area of law. Engages in complex legal practices and procedures. Adherence to Private Practice of Law Policy.

Skills/ Competencies: Excellent written and verbal communications skills. Significant negotiation skills. Ability to process information efficiently and effectively. Excellent analytical and legal skills. Resourceful, creative thinker. Computer savvy with a working knowledge of basic software and use of same. Good time management and organization skills. Has contact with all levels of management. Decision making ability to set work priorities and make



recommendations. Ability to initiate, organize and coordinate complex projects and cases. Leadership skills, including motivating, influencing and problem solving.

**JOB CONDITIONS:**

Working Conditions: Professional law office environment. Frequent travel. Occasional overnight travel. Extended hours are often necessary to meet the demands of the profession.

ADA: The above statements cover what are generally believed to be principal and essential functions of this job. Specific circumstances may allow or require some associates assigned to the job to perform a somewhat different combination of duties.

Credit Check: Due to the fiduciary accountabilities of this job, a valid credit check and/or background which will be required as part of the selection process.

Driving Record: A satisfactory driving record is required due to the out of office travel.

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