

# Business Insurance: Insurer must pay defense costs for attorney charged with embezzlement

An attorney charged with embezzling funds from lottery winners is entitled to defense costs under his professional liability policy, a U.S. District Court ruled last week.

Jason M. Kurland was an equity partner at Rivkin Radler LLP, according to last Wednesday's ruling by the U.S. District Court in Central Islip, New York, in *Jason M. Kurland vs. Fireman's Fund Insurance Co.*

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Mr. Kurland's attorney, Andrew N. Bourne, a partner with Cohen Ziffer Frenchman & McKenna LLP in New York said in a statement, "We are grateful that the court read the policy as we did. Professional liability policies such as the one at issue can provide coverage for criminal defendants."

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