



CRISIS MANAGEMENT

CATASTROPHIC LOSS PRACTICE GROUP

- ◆ Qualified
- ◆ Certified
- ◆ Competent

Put Our Experience
to Work for You

MEAGHER & GEER
ATTORNEYS AT LAW PLLP

*A team of attorneys to handle your case
start to finish, with nationwide expertise*



The attorneys of our Catastrophic Loss Team provide forensic investigation, defense and recovery services to owners, operators and insurers of large industrial and commercial facilities in the wake of complex catastrophic events – especially cases involving fire, explosion, chemical release, odor, structural collapse and catastrophic systems failure.

Rapid Response Team

Immediately after a catastrophic event, our Team takes action to:

- ◆ Conduct a qualified, certified, competent and timely response
- ◆ Conduct an efficient, effective and safe investigation
- ◆ Collect on-scene data and deliver accurate information to decision-making authorities
- ◆ Coordinate experts to conduct a root cause analysis, and identify defenses and potentially responsible parties.

Our work does not end with the investigation. We can litigate the matter ourselves, or help you engage local counsel, and we will provide advice and ongoing technical support.

The experience of our Catastrophic Loss Team is unparalleled. Many lawyers in this group hold dual degrees in both law and engineering (chemical, civil, mechanical, metallurgical and nuclear), and others have significant experience in insurance and construction law with additional technical training. Our Team is supported by a broad national network of local counsel, contractors and expert witnesses. We provide value by offering trained support personnel, including technical specialists and technical paralegals.

We've handled losses involving churches, hospitals, assisted living facilities, universities, hotels and casinos, manufacturing facilities, power generation plants and distribution systems, chemical processing plants, pharmaceutical plants, mining operations, tanker truck ruptures, underground storage tanks, pipelines, refineries, warehouses, hazardous waste facilities and agribusiness sites.

The Catastrophic Loss Team has handled more than a thousand incidents nationwide.



Unlike most law firms, the Meagher & Geer Team is qualified and certified to enter the exclusionary zone to work with the experts to conduct the forensic exam. With a rapid response team of attorneys and technical experts, we are uniquely qualified to respond promptly to fires, explosions, structural collapses and system failures.

— Russ Melton, Partner, Team Leader

The investigation at the scene of the loss is critical to the ultimate success of the case. It's not unusual for the trial to be two or more years after the loss – you don't want to be trying to piece together evidence years after the fact that should have been assembled at the time of your on-site investigation.



— Charles Spevacek, Partner

What makes Meagher & Geer unique is our technically trained and litigation savvy attorneys. Our attorneys "speak the language" of the technical experts and can provide unparalleled legal strategy from the outset when a loss is still fresh, rather than waiting until litigation has commenced.

— Jennifer Ampulski, Partner, Team Member

Team member certifications include National Propane Gas Association, Hazardous Waste Operation and Emergency Response Standard, FEMA and National Association of Fire Investigators. We also offer product liability and professional liability defense.

Meagher & Geer is an active member of The Harmonie Group, a network of law firms that provides complex litigation and trial services to corporate and individual clients across the country.



Client Endorsements for the Meagher & Geer Catastrophic Loss Team

“We have conducted forensic investigations on chemical release and fire/explosion with members of the Team. We find them to be exceptionally qualified, certified and competent.”

*Thomas Keefer
DuPont Emergency Response*

“The combination of technical and legal skills is the difference between controlling the crisis and being in the midst of a crisis.”

*Dave Bednar
CEO, Viking Explosives*

“Their technical expertise and knowledge of chemical and structural hazards shows in the thoroughness of their investigations. This expertise is valuable in the prevention of problems with federal and state regulations.”

*Anna Vignetti
CEO/COO, Cortec*

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