Consider these actual claim scenarios:

• An accountant gave incorrect direction on estimated tax payments for a private foundation. The misdirection led to a $5,353 penalty.

• An accountant handled a 1031 Tax Free Exchange for a client. The accountant did not comply with IRS rules and requirements to guarantee there were no tax consequences for the client. The client was notified by the IRS that she had a tax liability for the exchange in the amount of $35,000.

• An accountant created a financial statement for a client in which a miscalculation resulted in a $1.2M understatement. The cost to have the error corrected by another firm was $150,000.

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