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### The Lawyers' Lawyer Newsletter - Recent Developments in Risk Management - October 2014

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#### Attorney's Death Just Before Statute of Limitations Expired Does Not Preclude Legal Malpractice Action

*Cabrera v. Collazo*, 115 A.D.3d 147, 979 N.Y.S. 2d 326 (1st Dep't 2014)

**Risk Management Issue:** What duties are owed to clients when an attorney is aware (or ought to be aware) that his or her medical condition (or potential death) may limit the lawyer's ability to accomplish his or her client's objectives on a timely basis?

#### Attorney Duties of Care to Third Parties

*Powell ex rel. Harris v. John C. Wunsch, P.C.*, 989 N.E.2d 627 (Ill. App. 1st Dist. 2013)

**Risk Management Issue:** What duties do lawyers have to protect the interests of an estate's third-party (non-client) beneficiaries, when representing the estate in a wrongful death action against other third parties?

#### The Unfinished Business Rule — the Saga Continues

*In re Howrey LLP*, 2014 WL 4435982 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 9, 2014)

**Risk Management Issue:** What is the status of the unfinished business rule and how should firms deal with the risks while the uncertainty continues?

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