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Words and phrases that appear in bold are defined in the Definitions section of this Policy.

THIS IS A CLAIMS MADE AND REPORTED POLICY. IT APPLIES ONLY TO THOSE CLAIMS THAT ARE BOTH FIRST MADE AGAINST AN INSURED AND REPORTED IN WRITING TO THE COMPANY DURING THE POLICY PERIOD. PLEASE REVIEW THIS POLICY CAREFULLY AND DISCUSS THIS COVERAGE WITH YOUR INSURANCE AGENT OR BROKER.

#### I. INSURING AGREEMENT

## A. Coverage

The Company agrees to pay on behalf of the Insured all sums in excess of the deductible that the Insured shall become legally obligated to pay as damages and claim expenses because of a claim that is both first made against the Insured and reported in writing to the Company during the policy period by reason of an act or omission in the performance of legal services by the Insured or by any person for whom the Insured is legally liable, provided that:

- 1. no **Insured** gave notice to a **prior insurer** of such **claim** or a **related claim**;
- 2. no **Insured** gave notice to a **prior insurer** of any such act or omission or **related act or omission**;
- 3. prior to the date an **Insured** first becomes an **Insured** under this Policy or became an **Insured** under the first policy issued by the **Company** (or its subsidiary or affiliated insurers) to the **Named Insured** or any **predecessor firm**, whichever is earlier, of which this Policy is a renewal or replacement, no such **Insured** had a basis to believe that any such act or omission, or **related act or omission**, might reasonably be expected to be the basis of such **claim**:
- 4. there is no other policy, whether primary, contributory, excess, contingent or otherwise, which provides insurance to any **Insured** for the **claim** based on or arising out of an act or omission in the performance of **legal services** by such **Insured** or by any person for whom such **Insured** is legally liable while "affiliated" with a firm other than the **Named Insured**. As used herein, "affiliated" includes acting as Of Counsel for a firm other than the **Named Insured**.

#### B. Defense

The Company shall have the right and duty to defend in the Insured's name and on the Insured's behalf a claim covered by this Policy even if any of the allegations of the claim are groundless, false or fraudulent. The Company shall have the right to appoint counsel and to make such investigation and

defense of a **claim** as is deemed necessary by the **Company**. If a **claim** shall be subject to arbitration or mediation, the **Company** shall be entitled to exercise all of the **Insured's** rights in the choice of arbitrators or mediators and in the conduct of an arbitration or mediation proceeding.

# C. Settlement

The Company shall not settle a claim without the written consent of the Named Insured. If the Named Insured refuses to consent to a settlement or compromise recommended by the Company and acceptable to the claimant, then the Company's limit of liability under this Policy shall be reduced to the amount for which the claim could have been settled plus all claim expenses incurred up to the time the Company made its recommendation, which amount shall not exceed the remainder of the limit of liability specified in Section II.A.

# D. Exhaustion of limits

The Company is not obligated to investigate, defend, pay or settle, or continue to investigate, defend, pay or settle a claim after the applicable limit of the Company's liability has been exhausted by payment of damages or claim expenses or by any combination thereof or after the Company has deposited the remaining available limits of liability into a court of competent jurisdiction. In such case, the Company shall have the right to withdraw from the further investigation, defense, payment or settlement of such claim by tendering control of said investigation, defense or settlement of the claim to the Insured.

# II. LIMITS OF LIABILITY AND DEDUCTIBLE

# A. Limit of liability - each claim

Subject to paragraph B. below, the limit of liability of the Company for damages and claim expenses for each claim first made against the Insured and reported to the Company during the policy period shall not exceed the amount stated in the Declarations for each claim.

B. Limit of liability - in the aggregate

The limit of liability of the Company for damages
and claim expenses for all claims first made against
the Insured and reported to the Company during the
policy period shall not exceed the amount stated in
the Declarations as the aggregate.

#### C. Deductible

The deductible amount stated in the Declarations is the total amount of the **Insured's** liability for all **claims** and applies to the payment of **damages** and **claim expenses** for **claims** first made and reported to the **Company** in writing during the **policy period**. The deductible shall be paid by the **Named Insured**, or upon the **Named Insured's** failure to pay, jointly and severally by all **Insureds**. The limits of liability set forth in the Declarations are in addition to and in excess of the deductible.

D. Multiple insureds, claims and claimants

The limits of liability shown in the Declarations and subject to the provisions of this Policy is the amount the Company will pay as damages and claim expenses regardless of the number of Insureds, claims made or persons or entities making claims. If related claims are subsequently made against the Insured and reported to the Company, all such related claims, whenever made, shall be considered a single claim first made and reported to the Company within the policy period in which the earliest of the related claims was first made and reported to the Company.

## E. Supplementary payments

Payments made under paragraphs 1 and 2 below will not be subject to the deductible. Such payments are in addition to the limits of liability.

# 1. Loss of Earnings

The Company will reimburse each Insured up to \$500 for loss of earnings for each day or part of a day of such Insured's attendance, at the Company's written request, at a trial, hearing or other alternative dispute resolution proceeding, including arbitration proceeding or mediation, involving a claim against such Insured, but in no event shall the amount payable hereunder exceed \$15,000 per Insured despite the number of days an Insured is in attendance, or the number of trials, hearings or arbitration proceedings that an Insured is required to attend. In no event shall the amount payable per policy period exceed \$30,000 despite the number of Insureds hereunder or the number of such proceedings.

## 2. Disciplinary Proceedings

The Company will reimburse the Named Insured up to \$20,000 for each Insured and all **Insureds** in the aggregate, for attorney fees and other reasonable costs, expenses or fees (the "Disciplinary Fees") paid to third parties (other than an Insured) resulting from any one **Disciplinary Proceeding** incurred as the result of a notice of such Disciplinary Proceeding both first received by the Insured and reported in writing to the Company either during the policy period or within 60 days after termination of the policy period, arising out of an act or omission in the rendering of legal services by such Insured. Except as set forth below, the amount payable hereunder shall not exceed \$100,000 despite the number of such proceedings. In the event of a determination of No Liability of the Insured against whom the Disciplinary **Proceeding** has been brought, the Company shall reimburse such Insured for Disciplinary Fees, including those in excess of the \$20,000 cap set forth above, up to \$100,000. In no event shall the amount payable hereunder exceed \$100,000 despite the number of **Insureds** hereunder or the number of such proceedings.

# F. Risk Management Incentives

## 1. Mediation

If mediation of a **claim** takes place either without institution of arbitration proceeding or service of suit or within 60 days of the institution of such proceedings or service of suit, and such **claim** is ultimately resolved for an amount acceptable to the **Insured** and the **Company** by the process of mediation, the **Insured's** deductible, applying to the **claim**, will be reduced by 50%. In no event shall the amount of the deductible waived hereunder exceed \$25,000.

#### 2. Subpoena Assistance

In the event the **Insured** receives a subpoena for documents or testimony arising out of **legal services** rendered by the **Insured** and the **Insured** would like the **Company's** assistance in responding to the subpoena, the **Insured** may provide the **Company** with a copy of the subpoena and the **Company** will retain an attorney to provide advice regarding the production of documents, to prepare the **Insured** for sworn testimony, and to represent the **Insured** at the **Insured's** depositions, provided that:

- a. the subpoena arises out of a lawsuit to which the **Insured** is not a party; and
- b. the **Insured** has not been engaged to provide advice or testimony in connection with the

lawsuit, nor has the **Insured** provided such advice or testimony in the past.

The Company will pay such attorney's legal fees excluding any disbursements. Such fees incurred under this provision are in addition to the limits of liability and are not subject to the deductible. Any notice the Insured gives the Company of such subpoena shall be deemed notification of a potential claim under Section V.A. of this Policy.

#### G. Pre-claims Assistance

Until the date a **claim** is made, the **Company** may pay for all costs or expenses it incurs, at its sole discretion, as a result of investigating a potential **claim** that the **Insured** reports in accordance with Section V. CONDITIONS, Paragraph A, Notice, subparagraph 2, Notice of Potential **Claim**. Such payments are in addition to the limits of liability and not subject to the deductible.

#### III. DEFINITIONS

The following defined words shall have the same meaning throughout this Policy, whether expressed in the singular or the plural. Wherever appearing in bold print in this Policy:

"Bodily injury" means injury to the body, sickness or disease sustained by any person, including death resulting from such injuries; or mental injury, mental anguish, mental tension, emotional distress, pain or suffering or shock sustained by any person whether or not resulting from injury to the body, sickness, disease or death of any person.

"Claim" means a demand, including the service of suit or the institution of any alternative dispute resolution proceeding, received by the **Insured** for money or services arising out of an act or omission, including **personal injury**, in the rendering of or failure to render **legal services**.

## "Claim expenses" mean:

- A. fees charged by attorneys designated by the **Company** or by the **Insured** with the **Company's** written consent; and
- B. all other reasonable and necessary fees, costs and expenses resulting from the investigation, adjustment, defense and appeal of a **claim** if incurred by the **Company**, or by the **Insured** with the written consent of the **Company**, including, but not limited to, premiums for any appeal bond, attachment bond or similar bond but without any obligation of the **Company** to apply for or furnish any such bond.

- C. all costs taxed against an **Insured** in defense of a **claim**; and
- D. all interest on the entire amount of any judgment which accrues after entry of the judgment and before the Company has paid that part of the judgment which does not exceed the limits of liability stated in Section II A. above.

Claim expenses with respect to a claim will be paid first and payment will reduce the amount available to pay damages. Claim expenses do not include fees, costs or expenses of employees or officers of the Company. Nor shall claim expenses include salaries, loss of earnings or other remuneration by or to any Insured.

"Company" means the insurance company named in the Declarations

- "Damages" means judgments, awards and settlements (including pre-judgment interest), provided any settlements negotiated with the assistance and approval of the Company. Damages do not include:
- A. legal fees, costs and expenses paid or incurred or charged by any **Insured**, no matter whether claimed as restitution of specific funds, forfeiture, financial loss, set-off or otherwise, and injuries that are a consequence of any of the foregoing;
- B. civil or criminal fines, sanctions, penalties or forfeitures, whether pursuant to law, statute, regulation or court rule, including but not limited to awards under 18 U.S.C. §1961, et. seq., Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 11 or 28 U.S.C. §1927 and state statutes, regulations, rules or law so providing, and injuries that are a consequence of any of the foregoing;
- C. punitive or exemplary amounts;
- D. the multiplied portion of multiplied awards;
- E. injunctive or declaratory relief;
- F. any amount for which an **Insured** is absolved from payment by reason of any covenant, agreement or court order.

"Disciplinary Proceeding" means any pending matter, including an initial inquiry, before a state or federal licensing board or a peer review committee to investigate charges alleging a violation of any rule of professional conduct in the performance of legal services.

"Insured" means the Named Insured, predecessor firm and the persons or entities described below:

A. any lawyer, partnership, professional corporation, professional association, limited liability company or limited liability partnership who is or becomes a partner, officer, director, stockholder-employee,

- associate, manager, member or **employee** of the **Named Insured** during the **policy period** shown in the Declarations.
- B. any lawyer previously affiliated with the Named Insured or a predecessor firm as a partner, officer, director, stockholder-employee, associate, manager, member or salaried employee but only for legal services performed on behalf of the Named Insured or a predecessor firm at the time of such affiliation. The term "previously affiliated" as used herein does not include a lawyer who, during the policy period and while affiliated with the Named Insured: a) voluntarily ceases, permanently and totally, the private practice of law; or b) dies or becomes totally and permanently disabled. Such a lawyer will be deemed to be an Insured under paragraph A. above;
- C. any lawyer, law firm, partnership, professional corporation, professional association, limited liability company or limited liability partnership who acts as Of Counsel to the Named Insured or any non-employee independent contractor attorney to the Named Insured, but only for legal services rendered on behalf of the Named Insured and only if a fee inured or, in the event of a contingency fee, would have inured, to the Named Insured. No fee need inure to the Named Insured where eleemosynary (pro bono) legal services are rendered by such Of Counsel Insured where at the time of retention, there was approval by the appropriate committee or lawyer within the Named Insured that the matter would be handled without compensation. Any lawyer, law firm, partnership, professional corporation, professional association, limited liability company or limited liability partnership who previously qualified as an Insured under paragraph A. above, but gave up the position of partner, officer, director, stockholder-employee, associate, manager, member or employee to act exclusively as Of Counsel to the Named Insured, will be deemed to be an **Insured** under paragraph A. above;
- D. any person who is a former or current employee, other than an employed lawyer, of the Named Insured or any predecessor firm, but solely for services performed by such person within the course and scope of their employment by the Named Insured or any predecessor firm and provided that the services in dispute are legal services of the Named Insured or any predecessor firm;
- E. the estate, heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and legal representatives of an **Insured** in the event of such **Insured**'s death, incapacity, insolvency or bankruptcy, but only to the extent that such **Insured** would have been provided coverage under this Policy.

## "Legal services" mean:

- A. those services, including pro bono services, performed by an **Insured** for others as a lawyer, arbitrator, mediator, title agent or other neutral fact finder or as a notary public. Any title agency or company, on whose behalf the **Insured** acts as title agent or designated issuing attorney, is not an **Insured** under this Policy;
- B. those services performed by an **Insured** as an administrator, conservator, receiver, executor, guardian, trustee or in any other fiduciary capacity and any investment advice given in connection with such services;
- C. those services performed by an **Insured** in the capacity as a member, director or officer of any professional legal association, including any Bar Association and any similar organization or association, its governing board or any of its committees.
- "Named Insured" means the persons and entities designated in the Declarations.
- "Personal injury" means an injury arising out of: false arrest, detention, or imprisonment; wrongful entry, or eviction, or other invasion of the right of private occupancy; libel, slander, or other disparaging or defamatory materials; a writing or saying in violation of an individual's right to privacy; malicious prosecution or abuse of process.
- "Policy period" means the period of time between the inception date and time shown in the Declarations and the date and time of termination, expiration or cancellation of this Policy.
- "Predecessor firm" means any entity which has undergone dissolution and is named as such on the Declarations.
- "Prior insurer" means an insurer, including the Company and any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, who has issued a lawyers professional liability insurance policy that is applicable to a claim, such policy having an inception date prior to the policy period.
- "No Liability" means that with respect to an Insured who is the subject of a Disciplinary Proceeding, there is a:
- A. final determination of **no liability**;
- B. a determination of no further action; or
- C. the matter is abandoned by the disciplinary authority. In no event shall the term "No Liability" apply to a

**Disciplinary Proceeding** for which a settlement has occurred.

"Related acts or omissions" mean all acts or omissions in the rendering of legal services that are temporally, logically or causally connected by any common fact, circumstance, situation, transaction, event, advice or decision.

"Related claims" mean all claims arising out of a single act or omission or arising out of related acts or omissions in the rendering of legal services.

"Totally and permanently disabled" means that an Insured is so disabled as to be wholly prevented from rendering legal services provided that such disability: A. has existed continuously for not less than six (6) months; and

B. is reasonably expected to be continuous and permanent.

## IV. EXCLUSIONS

This Policy does not apply:

#### A. Intentional Acts

to any **claim** based on or arising out of any dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious act or omission by an **Insured** except that:

- 1. this exclusion shall not apply to **personal injury**;
- 2. the Company shall provide the Insured with a defense of such claim unless or until the dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, malicious or intentional act or omission has been determined by any trial verdict, court ruling, regulatory ruling or legal admission, whether appealed or not. Such defense will not waive any of the Company's rights under this Policy. Criminal proceedings are not covered under this Policy regardless of the allegations made against any Insured;
- 3. this exclusion will not apply to any **Insured** who is not found to have personally committed the dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, malicious or intentional act or omission by any trial verdict, court ruling, or regulatory ruling.
- B. Bodily Injury/Property Damage to any claim for bodily injury, or injury to, or destruction of, any tangible property, including the loss of use resulting therefrom except that this exclusion of bodily injury does not apply to mental injury, mental anguish, mental stress, humiliation or emotional distress caused by personal injury;

C. Status as Beneficiary or Distributee to any loss sustained by an **Insured** or **claim** made against an **Insured** as beneficiary or distributee of any trust or estate;

# D. Contractual Liability

to any **claim** based on or arising out of an **Insured's** alleged liability under any oral or written contract or agreement, unless such liability would have attached to any **Insured** in the absence of such agreement;

## E. Insured vs. Insured

to any claim by or on behalf of an Insured under this Policy against any other Insured hereunder unless such claim arises out of legal services by an Insured rendered to such other Insured as a client:

- F. Capacity as Director, Officer, Fiduciary to any **claim** based on or arising out of an **Insured's** capacity as:
  - 1. a former, existing or prospective officer, director, shareholder, partner, manager, member, or trustee of any entity including pension, welfare, profitsharing, mutual or investment fund or trust, if such entity is not named in the Declarations; or
  - 2. a fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and its amendments or any regulation or order issued pursuant thereto or any other similar state or local law;

except that this exclusion does not apply to a **claim** based on or arising out of an **Insured's** capacity as a member, director or officer of any professional legal association, including any Bar Association and any similar organization or association, its governing board or any of its committees.

# G. Capacity as Public Official

to any claim based on or arising out of an Insured's capacity as a public official or an employee or representative of a governmental body, subdivision or agency unless such Insured is deemed as a matter of law to be a public official or employee or representative of such entity solely by virtue of rendering legal services to it;

## H. Owned Entity

to any **claim** based on or arising out of **legal services** performed, directly or indirectly, for any entity not named in the Declarations, if at the time of the act or omission giving rise to the **claim**, the percentage of ownership interest, direct or indirect, in such entity by any **Insured**, or an accumulation of **Insureds**, exceeded 10%.

## V. CONDITIONS

#### A. Notice

#### 1. Notice of Claims

The **Insured**, as a condition precedent to the obligations of the **Company** under this Policy, shall as soon as reasonably possible after learning of a **Claim** give written notice to the **Company** during the **policy period** of such **claim**. The **Company** agrees that the **Insured** may have up to, but not to exceed, 60 days after the Policy expiration to report a **claim** made against the **Insured** during the **policy period** if the reporting of such **claim** is as soon as reasonably possible.

# 2. Notice of Potential Claims

If during the **policy period** the **Insured** becomes aware of any act or omission that may reasonably be expected to be the basis of a **claim** against the **Insured** and gives written notice to the **Company** of such act or omission and the reasons for anticipating a **claim**, with full particulars, including but not limited to:

- a. the specific act or omission;
- b. the dates and persons involved;
- c. the identity of anticipated or possible claimants;
- d. the circumstances by which the **Insured** first became aware of the possible **claim**, then any such **claim** that arises out of such reported act or omission and that is subsequently made against the **Insured** and reported to the **Company** shall be deemed to have been made at the time such written notice was given to the **Company**.

## B. Reimbursement of the Company

Subject always to the Insured's right to consent to settlement, as set forth in Section I. INSURING AGREEMENT, paragraph C, Settlement, if the Company, in the exercise of its discretion and without any obligation to do so, pays any amount within the amount of the deductible, the Named Insured, or upon the Named Insured's failure to pay, the Insureds, jointly and severally, shall be liable to the Company for any and all such amounts and, upon demand, shall pay such amounts to the Company.

## C. Territory

This Policy applies to an act or omission taking place anywhere in the world, provided that the **claim** is made and suit is brought against the **Insured** within the United States of America, including its territories, possessions, Puerto Rico or Canada.

#### D. Other insurance

If there is other insurance that applies to the claim,

this insurance shall be excess over such other valid and collectible insurance whether such insurance is stated to be primary, contributory, excess, contingent or otherwise. When there is such other insurance, the Company will pay only its share of the amount of any damages and claim expenses, if any, that exceed the sum of:

- 1. the total amount that all such other insurance would pay for with respect to such **Claim** in the absence of this insurance; and
- 2. the total of all deductible and self-insured amounts under all that other insurance.

This paragraph does not apply to any other insurance that was bought specifically to apply in excess of the Limits of Liability shown in the Declarations of this Policy.

When this insurance is excess, the **Company** will have no duty under this Policy to defend the **Insured** against any **claim** if any other insurer has a duty to defend the **Insured** against that **claim**. If no other insurer defends, the **Company** will undertake to do so, but it will be entitled to the **Insured**'s rights against all those other insurers.

## E. Assistance and cooperation of the **Insured**

- 1. The **Insured** shall cooperate with the **Company** and, upon the **Company's** request, shall attend hearings and trials and shall assist in effecting settlements, securing and giving of evidence, obtaining the attendance of witnesses, and the conduct of suits and proceedings in connection with a **claim**.
- 2. The **Insured** shall assist in the enforcement of any right of contribution or indemnity against any person or organization who or which may be liable to any **Insured** in connection with a **claim**.
- 3. The **Insured** shall not, except at its own cost, voluntarily make any payment, assume or admit any liability or incur any expense without the consent of the **Company**.

# F. Action against the Company

No action shall lie against the **Company** by any third party, unless, as a condition precedent thereto:

- 1. there shall have been full compliance with all the terms of this Policy; and
- 2. the **Insured's** obligation to pay shall have been finally determined either by judgment against the **Insured** after actual trial or by written agreement of the **Insured**, the claimant and the **Company**.

Any person or organization or the legal representative thereof who has secured such judgment or written agreement shall thereafter be entitled to recover under this Policy to the extent of the insurance afforded by this Policy. No person or organization shall have any right under this Policy to join the **Company** as a party to any action against an **Insured**, nor shall the **Company** be impleaded by the **Insured** or his legal representative.

G. Bankruptcy or Insolvency Bankruptcy or insolvency of the **Insured** or of the **Insured's** estate shall not relieve the **Company** of any of its obligations hereunder.

# H. Subrogation

In the event of any payment under this Policy, the Company shall be subrogated to all the Insured's rights of recovery thereof against any person or organization. The Insured shall execute and deliver instruments and papers and do whatever else is necessary to secure and collect upon such rights. The Insured shall do nothing to prejudice such rights.

#### I. Changes

Notice to any of the **Company's** agents or knowledge possessed by any such agent or any other person shall not act as a waiver or change in any part of this Policy. It also will not prevent the **Company** from asserting any rights under the provisions of this Policy. None of the provisions of this Policy will be waived, changed or modified except by written endorsement, signed by the **Company**, issued to form a part of this Policy.

#### J. Assignment

No assignment of interest of the **Insured** under this Policy shall be valid, unless the written consent of the **Company** is endorsed hereon.

# K. Cancellation/Non-renewal

- 1. This Policy may be canceled by the **Named Insured** by returning it to the **Company**. The **Named Insured** may also cancel this Policy by
  written notice to the **Company** stating at what
  future date cancellation is to be effective.
- 2. The Company may cancel or non-renew this Policy by written notice to the Named Insured at the address last known to the Company. The Company will provide written notice at least sixty (60) days before cancellation or non-renewal is to be effective. If the Company cancels this Policy because the Insured has failed to pay a premium when due or has failed to pay amounts in excess of the limit of the Company's liability or within the amount of the deductible, this Policy may be canceled by the Company by mailing to the Named Insured written notice stating when, not less than ten (10) days thereafter, such cancellation shall be effective. The time

- of surrender of this Policy or the effective date and hour of cancellation stated in the notice shall become the end of the **policy period**. Delivery (where permitted by law) of such written notice either by the **Named Insured** or by the **Company** shall be equivalent to mailing.
- 3. If the Company cancels this Policy, the earned premium shall be computed pro rata. If the Named Insured cancels this Policy, the Company shall retain the customary short rate proportion of the premium. Premium adjustment may be made either at the time cancellation is effected or as soon as practicable after cancellation becomes effective, but payment or tender of unearned premium is not a condition of cancellation.
- 4. The offering of terms and conditions different from the expiring terms and conditions shall not constitute a refusal to renew

#### L. Entire contract

By acceptance of this Policy the **Insured** agrees that:

- 1. all of the information and statements provided to the **Company** by the **Insured** are true, accurate and complete and shall be deemed to constitute material representations made by all of the **Insureds**;
- 2. this Policy is issued in reliance upon the **Insured's** representations; and
- 3. this Policy, endorsements thereto, together with the completed and signed application and any and all supplementary information and statements provided by the **Insured** to the **Company** (all of which are deemed to be incorporated herein) embody all of the agreements existing between the **Insured** and the **Company** and shall constitute the entire contract between the **Insured** and the **Company**; and
- 4. the misrepresentation of any material matter by the **Insured** or the **Insured**'s agent will render this Policy null and void and relieve the **Company** from all liability herein.

## M. Named Insured sole agent

The Named Insured shall be the sole agent of all Insureds hereunder for the purpose of effecting or accepting any notices hereunder, any amendments to or cancellation of this Policy, for the completing of any applications and the making of any statements, representations and warranties, for the payment of any premium and the receipt of any return premium that may become due under this Policy, and the exercising or declining to exercise any right under this Policy.

# N. Liberalization

If the Company adopts any revision that would

broaden coverage under this policy form G-118011-A without additional premium at any time during the **policy period**, the broadened coverage will immediately apply to this Policy except that it will not apply to **claims** that were first made against the **Insured** prior to the effective date of such revision.

#### O. Notices

Any notices required to be given by an **Insured** shall be submitted in writing to the **Company** or its authorized representative. If mailed, the date of mailing of such notice shall be deemed to be the date such notice was given and proof of mailing shall be sufficient proof of notice.

P. Trade and Economic Embargoes
This policy does not provide coverage for Insureds, transactions or that part of damages or claims expenses that is uninsurable under the laws or regulations of the United States concerning trade or economic sanctions.

#### VI. EXTENDED REPORTING PERIODS

As used herein, "extended reporting period" means the period of time after the end of the policy period for reporting claims that are made against the Insured during the applicable extended reporting period by reason of an act or omission that occurred prior to the end of the policy period and is otherwise covered by this Policy.

## A. Automatic extended reporting period

If this Policy is canceled or non-renewed by either the Company or by the Named Insured, the Company will provide to the Named Insured an automatic, non-cancelable extended reporting period starting at the termination of the policy period if the Named Insured has not obtained another policy of lawyers professional liability insurance within sixty (60) days of the termination of this Policy. This automatic extended reporting period will terminate after sixty (60) days.

# B. Optional extended reporting period

- 1. If this Policy is canceled or non-renewed by either the Company or by the Named Insured, then the Named Insured shall have the right to purchase an optional extended reporting period. Such right must be exercised by the Named Insured within sixty (60) days of the termination of the policy period by providing:
  - a. written notice to the Company; and
  - b. with the written notice, the amount of additional premium described below.

- 2. The additional premium for the optional **extended reporting period** shall be based upon the rates for such coverage in effect on the date this Policy was issued or last renewed and shall be for one (1) year at 100% of such premium; two (2) years at 150% of such premium; three (3) years at 175% of such premium; six (6) years at 225% of such premium; or, for an unlimited period at 250% of such premium.
- 3. The premium for the optional **extended reporting period** is due on its effective date. This optional **extended reporting period** is non-cancelable and the entire premium shall be deemed fully earned at its commencement without any obligation by the **Company** to return any portion thereof.

# C. Death or disability extended reporting period

- 1. If an Insured dies or becomes totally and permanently disabled during the policy period, then upon the latter of the expiration of: the policy period; any renewal or successive renewal of this Policy; or any automatic or optional extended reporting period, such Insured shall be provided with a death or disability extended reporting period as provided below.
  - a. In the event of death, such **Insured's** estate, heirs, executors or administrators must, within sixty (60) days of the expiration of the **policy period**, provide the **Company** with written proof of the date of death. This **extended reporting period** is provided to the estate, heirs, executors and administrators of such **Insured**.
  - b. If an Insured becomes totally and permanently disabled, such Insured or Insured's legal guardian must, within sixty (60) days of the expiration of the policy period, provide the Company with written proof that such Insured is totally and permanently disabled, including the date the disability commenced, certified by the **Insured's** physician. The **Company** retains the right to contest the certification made by the **Insured's** physician, and it is a condition precedent to this coverage that the Insured agree to submit to medical examinations by any physician designated by the Company at the Company's expense. This extended reporting period is provided until such Insured shall no longer be totally or permanently disabled or until the death of such Insured in which case subparagraph a. hereof shall apply.
- 2. No additional premium will be charged for any death or disability **extended reporting period**.

# D. Non-practicing extended reporting period

1. If an **Insured** retires or otherwise voluntarily

ceases, permanently and totally, the private practice of law during the **policy period** and has been continuously insured by the **Company** for at least three consecutive years, then such **Insured** shall be provided with an **extended reporting period** commencing upon the latter of the expiration of: the **policy period**; any renewal or successive renewal of this Policy; or any automatic or optional **extended reporting period**.

- 2. This **extended reporting period** is provided until such **Insured** shall resume the practice of law or until the death of such **Insured** in which case subparagraph C.1.a. hereof shall apply.
- 3. No additional premium will be charged for any non-practicing **extended reporting period**.

# E Extended reporting periods limits of liability

- 1. Automatic and optional **extended reporting periods** limits of liability
  - a. Where the Company has the right to non-renew or cancel this Policy, and it exercises that right, then the Company's liability for all claims reported during the automatic and optional extended reporting periods shall be part of and not in addition to the limits of liability for the policy period as set forth in the Declarations and Section II, Limits of Liability of this Policy.
  - b. If this Policy is canceled by the Named Insured or if the Company offers to renew this Policy, and the Named Insured refuses such renewal offer, then the Company's liability for all claims reported during the automatic and optional extended reporting periods shall be reinstated to the limits of liability applicable to this Policy as set forth in Section II.A. and B. hereof.
- 2. Separate death or disability and non-practicing **extended reporting period** limits of liability
  - a. Limit of Liability Each "Claim"

    Subject to paragraph b. below, the Company's limit of liability for each claim first made against the Insured, and reported to the Company during the death or disability extended reporting period or non-practicing extended reporting period, shall not exceed the amount stated in the Declarations as the "Each Claim Death or Disability and Non-Practicing extended reporting period limit of liability".

- b. Limit of Liability In the Aggregate

  The limit of liability of the Company for all claims first made against the Insured, and reported to the Company during the death or disability extended reporting period or non-practicing extended reporting period, shall not exceed the amount stated in the Declarations as the "Aggregate Death or Disability and Non-Practicing extended reporting period limit of liability".
- F. Elimination of right to any **extended reporting period**There is no right to any **extended reporting period**:
  - 1. if the **Company** shall cancel or refuse to renew this Policy due to:
    - a. non-payment of premiums; or
    - b. non-compliance by an **Insured** with any of the terms and conditions of this Policy; or
    - c. any misrepresentation or omission in the application for this Policy; or,
  - 2. if during the **Policy Period** such **Insured's** right to practice law is revoked, suspended or surrendered at the request of any regulatory authority for reasons other than that the **Insured** is **totally and permanently disabled**.
- G. Extended reporting period not a new policy
  It is understood and agreed that the extended
  reporting period shall not be construed to be a new
  policy and any claim submitted during such period
  shall otherwise be governed by this Policy.

## VII. HEADINGS

The descriptions in the headings of this Policy are solely for convenience, and form no part of the terms and conditions of coverage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Policy to be executed by its Chairman and Secretary, but this Policy shall not be binding upon us unless completed by the attachment of the Declarations.

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Chairman	Secretary