



PATENT PRACTITIONERS AND PATENT ATTORNEYS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY 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 **professional services** by the **Insured** or by any person for whom the **Insured** is legally liable, but only while acting on behalf of the **Named Insured**, 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**; and
3. such act or omission happened on or after the retroactive date set forth on the Declarations.

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**.

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 each and every **claim** and applies to the payment of **damages** and **claim expenses** for each and every **claim** 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.

If a **claim** is based on or arises out of the rendering of eleemosynary (pro bono) **professional services**, no deductible will apply but only where at the time of retention, there was approval by the appropriate committee, lawyer, or **patent practitioner**, within the **Named Insured** that the matter would be handled without compensation.

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 this paragraph 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 \$500.00 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 \$15,000.00 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 \$30,000.00 despite the number of **Insureds** hereunder or the number of such proceedings.

2. **Disciplinary Proceedings**

The **Company** will reimburse the **Named Insured** up to \$50,000. 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 **professional 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 \$50,000 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.



3. **Crisis Event Expense**

The **Company** will reimburse the **Named Insured** up to \$20,000 for **Crisis Event Expenses** that result from a **Crisis Event** first occurring and reported in writing to the **Company** during the **policy period**.

4. **Regulatory Inquiry**

If, during the **policy period**, a state licensing board, self regulatory body, public oversight board or a governmental agency with the authority to regulate the **Insured's professional services** or any entity acting on behalf of such entities initiates an investigation of the **Insured** arising from an actual or alleged violation of a **security breach notice law** or any law referenced under the definition of **privacy injury and identity theft** that occurred in the rendering of **professional services** and which the **Insured** reports to the **Company** in accordance with Section V.A. of this Policy, the **Company** agrees to pay attorney fees, attorney costs and court costs (excluding such attorney fees and costs incurred as a result of services performed by the **Insured**) incurred in responding to the investigation. The maximum amount the **Company** will pay for such attorney fees and costs is \$20,000 regardless of the number of investigations or the number of **Insureds** who are subject to such investigations.

5. **Supplemental Claim Expense Benefit**

In the event the aggregate limit of liability stated in Section II.B. above is exhausted by payment of **damages** or **claim expenses** under this policy and there remain any unresolved or outstanding **claims**, the **Company** agrees to reimburse the **Insured** for an amount equal to 10 percent of the limit of liability stated in Section II.A. above, up to a maximum amount of \$100,000 for **claim expenses** incurred by the **Insured** in handling the defense of such unresolved or outstanding **claims**.

6. **Privacy Event Response**

Subject to a \$20,000 aggregate limit for all **privacy events**, the **Company** will pay the **Named Insured** for **privacy event expenses** up to \$10,000 per **privacy event**, provided that such **privacy event** occurs during the **policy period** and is reported to the **Company** within three (3) calendar days of the **privacy event**.

F. **Subpoena Assistance**

In the event the **Insured** receives a subpoena for documents or testimony arising out of **professional 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.



H. Risk Management Incentive – Early Resolution

If a **claim** is settled or finally resolved within 364 days of the reporting of such **claim** to the **Company**, for an amount recommended to the **Insured** by the **Company**, then 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 \$12,500.

However, the deductible will not be waived if the **claim** is resolved after the commencement of:

- a. a trial in a court of law; or
- b. the first motion for a motion for summary judgment by any party has been filed in a court of law; or
- c. the first evidentiary hearing in binding arbitration of the **claim**.

To the extent this provision is applicable and the **Insured** has paid more than 50% of the deductible, the **Company** will reimburse the **Insured** the amount paid in excess of 50% of the deductible within 60 days of the final resolution of the **claim**.

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 **professional services**. **"Claim"** also means **privacy claims** and **client network damage claims**.

"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**, other than fees, costs and expenses charged by our employed attorneys who may be designated to represent the **Insured**, with the **Insured's** prior consent. Nor shall **claim expenses** include salaries, loss of earnings or other remuneration by or to any **Insured**.

"Client network damage 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 alleging that a **security breach** or **electronic infection** caused **network damage** to a client's **network** in the rendering of **professional services**.

"Company" means the insurance company named in the Declarations.



“**Computer virus**” means unauthorized computer code that is designed and intended to transmit, infect and propagate itself over one or more **networks**, and cause:

1. a computer code or programs to perform in an unintended manner;
2. the deletion or corruption of electronic data or software; or
3. the disruption or suspension of a **network**.

“**Confidential Commercial Information**” means information that has been provided to the **Insured** by another, or created by the **Insured** for another where such information is subject to the terms of a confidentiality agreement or equivalent obligating the **Insured** to protect such information on behalf of another.

“**Crisis event**” means:

1. death, departure or debilitating illness of a **Principal Insured**;
2. dissolution of the **Named Insured**; or
3. incident of workplace violence;

that the **Named Insured** reasonably believes will have a material adverse effect upon the **Named Insured's** reputation.

“**Crisis event expenses**” means reasonable fees, costs and expenses incurred by the **Named Insured** for consulting services provided by a public relations firm to the **Named Insured** in response to a **Crisis Event**.

“**Damages**” mean judgments, awards and settlements (including pre-judgment interest), provided any settlements are negotiated with the assistance and approval of the **Company**. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, **Damages** also include those amounts the court is permitted to impose on a debt collector as set forth in 15USC§1692k(a). **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.

“**Denial of service attack**” means an attack executed over one or more **networks** or the **Internet** that is specifically designed and intended to disrupt the operation of a **network** and render a **network** inaccessible to authorized users.

“**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 **professional services**.

“**Electronic infection**” means the transmission of a **computer virus** to a **network**, including without limitation, such transmission to or from the **Named Insured's network**.

“**Electronic information damage**” means the destruction, deletion or alteration of any information residing on the **network** of any third party.

“**Insured**” means the **Named Insured**, **predecessor firm** and the persons or entities described below:

- A. any lawyer (including a lawyer that is a government affairs advisor or lobbyist), **patent practitioner**, 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 (including a lawyer that is a government affairs advisor or lobbyist) or **patent practitioner** 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 **professional services** rendered 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 or **patent practitioner** who, during the **policy period** and while affiliated with the **Named Insured**: a) voluntarily ceases, permanently and totally, the private practice of law or practice as a **patent practitioner**; or b) dies or becomes **totally and permanently disabled**. Such a lawyer or **patent practitioner** will be deemed to be an **Insured** under paragraph A. above;
- C. any lawyer (including a lawyer that is a government affairs advisor or lobbyist) or **patent practitioner**, 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 or non-employee independent contractor **patent practitioner** to the **Named Insured**, but only for **professional 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) **professional services** are rendered by such Of Counsel **Insured** where at the time of retention, there was approval by the appropriate committee or lawyer or **patent practitioner** within the **Named Insured** that the matter would be handled without compensation. Any lawyer, **patent practitioner**, 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 or **patent practitioner**, 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 **professional 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.

“**Internet**” means the worldwide public **network** of computers as it currently exists or may be manifested in the future, but **Internet** does not include the **Named Insured's network**.

“**Named Insured**” means the persons and entities designated in the Declarations.

“**Network**” means a party's local or wide area **network** owned or operated by or on behalf of or for the benefit of that party; provided, however, **network** shall not include the **Internet**, telephone company **networks**, or other public infrastructure **network**.

“**Network Damage**” means:

1. the unscheduled and unplanned inability of an authorized user to gain access to a **network**;
2. **electronic information damage**; or
3. the suspension or interruption of any **network**;

“**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.

“**Non-public personal information**” means personal information not available to the general public from which an individual may be identified, including without limitation, an individual's name, address, telephone number, social security number, account relationships, account numbers, account balances, and account histories.

“**Patent Practitioner**” means one who is registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

“**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 sole proprietorship, partnership, professional corporation, professional association, limited liability corporation or limited liability partnership engaged in **professional services** and:

1. to whose financial assets and liabilities the firm listed as the **Named Insured** in the Declarations is the majority successor in interest;
2. of which the **Named Insured** retained 50% or more of the lawyers and or **patent practitioners**; or
3. was previously deemed to be a predecessor firm under the professional liability policy issued by the **Company** immediately preceding this Policy.

"Principal Insured" means an **Insured** member of the board of managers, director, executive officer, natural person partner, owner of a sole proprietorship, principal, risk manager or in-house general counsel of the **Named Insured**.

"Prior insurer" means an insurer, including the **Company** and any subsidiary or affiliate of the **Company**, who has issued a professional liability insurance policy that is applicable to a **claim**, such policy having an inception date prior to the **policy period**.

"Privacy 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 and alleging **privacy injury and identity theft** that occurred in the rendering of **professional services**.

"Privacy event" means any act, error or omission which, in the reasonable opinion of an owner, manager of any limited liability entity, member of the Management Committee, Managing Partner, Operating Partner, Senior Partner (or any equivalent position) or Risk Manager (or any equivalent position) did cause or is reasonably likely to result in the unauthorized disclosure or the unauthorized use of **non-public personal information**.

"Privacy event expenses" means all reasonable and necessary fees, costs and expenses incurred by the **Named Insured** and consented to by the **Company**:

1. to directly effect compliance with a **security breach notice law** including notification to individuals or entities who are required to be notified;
2. to provide voluntary notification to individuals or entities whose **non-public personal information** may have been subject to a **privacy event**;
3. to hire a computer forensics firm to investigate the existence and cause of a **privacy event** and to determine the extent such **non-public personal information** has been or may have been disclosed;
4. to hire an attorney or expert to determine the applicability of and the actions necessary to comply with **security breach notice law**;
5. to minimize harm to the **Named Insured's** reputation from a **privacy event**, including but not limited to the costs to set up a call center or provide a credit monitoring service for those impacted by a **privacy event**.

However, **privacy event expenses** do not include the costs, fees and expenses necessary to remediate any deficiencies that gave rise to the **privacy event**.

"Privacy injury and identity theft" means:

- a. any unauthorized disclosure of, inability to access, or inaccuracy with respect to, **non-public personal information** in violation of:
 1. the **Named Insured's privacy policy**; or
 2. any federal, state, foreign or other law, statute or regulation governing the confidentiality, integrity or accessibility of **non-public personal information**, including but not limited, to the Health



Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, or the EU Data Protection Act.

- b. the **Insured's** failure to prevent **unauthorized access** to **confidential commercial information**;

"Privacy policy" means the **Named Insured's** policies in written or electronic form that:

1. govern the collection, dissemination, confidentiality, integrity, accuracy or availability of **non-public personal information**; and
2. the **Insured** provides to its clients, customers, employees or others who provide the **Insured** with **non-public personal information**.

"Professional services" mean:

- A. those services, including eleemosynary (pro bono) performed by an **Insured** for others as a **Patent Practitioner**;
- B. those services, including eleemosynary (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;
- C. those services performed by an **Insured** as an administrator, conservator, receiver, executor, guardian, trustee, escrow agent or in any other fiduciary capacity and any investment advice given in connection with such services;
- D. those services performed by an **Insured** in the capacity as a member, director or officer of any professional association, including any Bar Association and any similar organization or association, its governing board or any of its committees;
- E. those services performed by an **Insured** as an author or publisher of legal research papers or legal materials or the presenter of legal seminars or materials, but only where such services are performed without compensation or compensation attributable per publication, presentation, or seminar, is less than \$25,000;
- F. those services performed by an **Insured** as an expert witness, provided that such **Insured** was retained to offer expert opinion on issues related to the law, legal procedure, the legal profession or **professional services** as a **patent practitioner**.

"Related acts or omissions" mean all acts or omissions in the rendering of **professional 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 **professional services**.

"Security breach" means the failure of the **Named Insured's network** hardware, software, firmware, the function or purpose of which is to:

1. identify and authenticate parties prior to accessing the **Named Insured's network**;
2. control access to the **Named Insured's network** and monitor and audit such access;
3. protect against **computer viruses**;
4. defend against **denial of service attacks** upon the **Insured** or unauthorized use of the **Insured's network** to perpetrate a **denial of service attack**; or,
5. ensure confidentiality, integrity and authenticity of information on the **Insured's network**.

"Security breach notice law" means any statute or regulation that requires an entity that maintains **non-public personal information** to provide notice to specified individuals of any actual or potential unauthorized disclosure or potential disclosure of such **non-public personal information**.

"Totally and permanently disabled" means that an **Insured** is so disabled as to be wholly prevented from rendering **professional 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.

"Unauthorized access" means any accessing of information in the **Insured's** care, custody or control by unauthorized persons or by authorized persons accessing or using such information in an unauthorized manner.

Unauthorized access also includes:



1. theft from the **Insured** of any information storage device used by the **Insured** to:
 - A. store and retrieve information on the **Insured's network**; or
 - B. transport information between the **Insured** and authorized recipients;
2. any unauthorized use by the **Insured** of information in the **Insured's** clients' care, custody or control if accessed by the **Insured** in the course of rendering **professional services**.

IV. EXCLUSIONS

This Policy does not apply:

A. Intentional Acts

to any **claim** based on or arising out of any dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, malicious or intentional act or omission by an **Insured**, committed with actual dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, or malicious purpose or intent. However, notwithstanding the foregoing:

1. the insurance afforded by this policy shall apply to **claim expenses** incurred in defending any such **claim**, but shall not apply to any **damages** which the **Insured** might become legally obligated to pay. Criminal proceedings are not covered under this Policy regardless of the allegations made against the **Insured**;
2. this exclusion shall not apply with respect to an **Insured** who did not personally participate or personally acquiesce in or remain passive after having knowledge of such dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, malicious or intentional act or omission. The **Company's** obligation to pay **damages** under this paragraph 2. will be excess of the full extent of the assets of any **Insured** involved in such dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, malicious or intentional act or omission;

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 **professional 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 or member (or any equivalent position) of any entity if such entity is not named in the Declarations; or
2. a trustee of a pension, welfare, profit-sharing, mutual or investment fund or investment trust; or
3. 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 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 **professional services** to it.

H. Owned Entity

to any **claim** based on or arising out of **professional 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 regardless of where the **claim** or suit is brought.

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/ Nonrenewal

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 thirty (30) 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 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.

Q. Service of Suit

In the event of the failure of the **Company** to pay any amount claimed to be due hereunder, the **Company**, at the request of the **Insured**, will submit to the jurisdiction of any court of competent jurisdiction within the United States and will comply with all requirements necessary to give such court jurisdiction and all matters arising hereunder shall be determined in accordance with the law and practice of such court.

Service of process in such suit may be made upon the General Counsel, Columbia Casualty Company, CNA Plaza, Chicago Illinois 60685 and that in any suit instituted against such person upon this Policy, the **Company** will abide by the final decision of such court or of any appellate court in the event of an appeal.

The General Counsel is authorized and directed to accept service of process on behalf of the **Company** in any such suit and, upon the request of the **Insured**, to give a written undertaking to the **Insured** that he will enter a general appearance upon the **Company** in the event such suit shall be instituted.

Further, pursuant to any statute of any state, territory or district of the United States which makes provision therefore, the **Company** hereby designates the Superintendent, Commissioner or Director of Insurance, or other officer as designated in such statute, as its true and lawful attorney upon whom may be served any lawful process in any action, suit or proceeding instituted by or on behalf of the **Insured** or any beneficiary hereunder arising out of this Policy of insurance, and hereby designates the above-named as the person to whom the said officer is authorized and directed to accept service of process on behalf of this **Company** in any such suit.

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 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 125% of such premium; two (2) years at 175% of such premium; three (3) years at 225% of such premium; six (6) years at 250% of such premium; or, for an unlimited period at 300% 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 "private practice of law" or until the death of such **Insured** in which case subparagraph C.1.a. hereof shall apply.
3. If an **Insured** retires or otherwise voluntarily ceases, permanently and totally, the practice as a **patent practitioner** 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**.
4. This **extended reporting period** is provided until such **Insured** shall resume the practice as a **patent practitioner** or until the death of such **Insured** in which case subparagraph C.1.a. hereof shall apply.
5. No additional premium will be charged for any non-practicing **extended reporting period**
6. If an **Insured** is both a lawyer and a **patent practitioner** and has been continuously insured by the **Company** for at least three consecutive years, the non-practicing **extended reporting period**



shall only be provided if the **Insured** retires or otherwise voluntarily ceases, permanently and totally, both the “private practice of law” and the practice as a **patent practitioner**.

As used herein, the “private practice of law” means the practice of law performed by an **Insured** for a fee, including hourly, contingent or lump sum, as a sole practitioner or as a partner, officer, director, stockholder-employee, associate, manager, member or employee, of a law firm, or any agreement to act as an independent contractor or “Of Counsel” to a law firm. “Private practice of law” does not include the practice of law by an **Insured** on an eleemosynary (a pro bono) basis.

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 nonrenew 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 or practice as a **patent practitioner** 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.

Chairman

Secretary


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