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Lawyers Professional Liability Insurance Policy

# PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE POLICY CAREFULLY

### CLAIMS MADE AND REPORTED POLICY

This is a "<u>CLAIMS MADE AND REPORTED</u>" insurance **Policy**. Therefore, as a condition precedent to the **Company**'s obligation to defend or indemnify the **Insured** under this **Policy**, the **Insured** must immediately report any **Claim** to the **Company** during the **Policy Period** or during any applicable **Extended Reporting Period**. No coverage exists under this **Policy** for a **Claim** which is first made against the **Insured** or first reported to the **Company** before or after the **Policy Period** or any applicable **Extended Reporting Period**. If the **Insured** receives notice of a **Claim**, or becomes aware of a **Wrongful Act** that could reasonably be expected to be the basis of a **Claim**, then the **Insured** must, as a condition precedent to the **Company**'s obligation to defend or indemnify any **Insured**, immediately deliver a written notice directly to the **Company** via email, facsimile, or mail at any of the following:

## **NOTICE OF CLAIM**

Email: <u>Claims@alpsnet.com</u>

Facsimile: 406-728-7416

Mail Address: ALPS

111 N. Higgins, Ste. 600 P.O. Box 9169 Missoula, MT 59807-9169

If you deliver notice of a **Claim** or circumstances which may give rise to a **Claim** to the **Company** via email at <u>Claims@alpsnet.com</u> you must then receive an email from the **Company** Account Center Portal acknowledging receipt of the notice before the notice is considered to have been received. If you do not receive an acknowledging email from the **Company** by the end of the next business day after delivering a notice to the **Company** via email, then please contact the **Company** at 406-728-3113 for further assistance.

# **CLAIM EXPENSE ALLOWANCE**

This **Policy** provides a **Claim Expense Allowance**. The **Company**'s payment of any **Claim Expenses** will first be applied against and reduce the **Claim Expense Allowance**. Any **Claim Expenses** paid by the **Company** will not be applied against or reduce the **Limit of Liability** until after the **Claim Expense Allowance** has been exhausted, at which time any additional **Claim Expenses** paid by the **Company** will be applied against and reduce the **Limit of Liability** available to pay **Damages**.

## SEPARATE AND DISTINCT POLICY AND LIMIT OF LIABILITY

This **Policy** is a separate insuring agreement and distinct from any other insurance policy the **Company** may issue to you. Each insurance policy the **Company** issues to you should be considered to be a separate and independent insuring agreement with its own separate terms, conditions and definitions. No coverage is afforded under this **Policy** for any **Claim** that is otherwise covered under any other insurance policy the **Company** issues to you. The limits of liability provided by each separate insurance policy the **Company** issues to you shall not be added together with the limits of liability of any other insurance policy the **Company** issues to you.



ALPS Property & Casualty Insurance Company (herein called "the **Company**"), agrees with the **Named Insured**, in consideration of the payment of the premium, and in reliance upon all applications, documents and information that the **Named Insured** has submitted for this **Policy** and any prior policies, as follows:

# SECTION 1 - INSURING AGREEMENTS

## A. COVERAGE

Subject to the **Limit of Liability**, exclusions, conditions and other terms of this **Policy**, the **Company** agrees to pay on behalf of the **Insured** all sums (in excess of the **Deductible** amount) that the **Insured** becomes legally obligated to pay as **Damages**, arising from or in connection with A **CLAIM** FIRST MADE AGAINST THE **INSURED** AND FIRST REPORTED TO THE **COMPANY** DURING THE **POLICY PERIOD**, provided that all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1. The Claim arises from a Wrongful Act that occurred on or after the Retroactive Coverage Date set forth in Item 2 of the Declarations;
- 2. At the **Effective Date** of this **Policy**, no **Insured** knew or reasonably should have known or foreseen that the **Wrongful Act** might be the basis of a **Claim**;
- 3. Notice of the **Claim** or the **Wrongful Act** was not given nor required to be given to any other insurer prior to the **Effective Date**; and
- 4. The **Claim** is not otherwise covered under any other insurance policy that the **Company** has issued to the **Named Insured**.

#### B. DEFENSE AND CLAIM EXPENSES

- 1. For any Claim covered under this Policy, the Company shall have the right and the duty to defend such Claim even if any or all of the allegations of the Claim are groundless, false or fraudulent, but shall have no obligation to appoint legal counsel to defend a Claim that is not the subject of a pending civil action, arbitration, or similar proceeding seeking the recovery of compensatory damages. The Company shall have the right to appoint legal counsel in the Company's sole discretion after consultation with an Insured when practicable; consultation with any one Insured being sufficient.
- 2. The Company shall pay Claim Expenses in accordance with the terms of this Policy. The Company shall not have a duty to defend or to pay such expenses as to any Claim not covered under this Policy, and shall have the right to seek reimbursement from any Insured, who shall promptly provide such reimbursement, for any amount paid by the Company in defending any such non-covered Claim, including any amount paid in defending a non-covered Claim that is asserted together with one or more covered Claims.
- 3. The **Company** may make such investigations as it deems appropriate.
- 4. Where an **Insured** has a right or obligation to arbitrate a **Claim**, or receives a demand for arbitration, the **Company** shall have sole discretion as to whether to seek, agree to or reject arbitration.
- 5. In the event a Claim covered under this Policy is made against an Insured, and in the same matter a Claim is also made against a non-attorney who referred to the Insured the matter from which the Claim arises, the Company shall provide the same defense to the referring party as to the Insured, but only for so long as the Insured remains liable to pay Damages arising from or in connection with the Claim against the Insured, and, provided, however, that such referring party shall accept the same legal counsel to defend the Claim as the Company appoints to represent the Insured. The Company shall have no other obligation to the referring party, including any obligation to pay any Damages or other Claim Expenses on the referring party's behalf. Any Claim Expenses associated with the defense of the referring party shall be subject to the Deductible, and shall be included within, and shall not increase, the Claim Expense Allowance and the Limit of Liability.

## C. SETTLEMENT AND CONSENT TO SETTLE

The **Company** will not admit liability of any **Insured** or settle a **Claim** without the written consent of any **Insured**, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.



# D. SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS FOR DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

If an **Attorney** identified in Item 3 of the **Declarations** first receives notice during the **Policy Period** of a proceeding brought against the **Attorney** before a state licensing board, peer review committee or disciplinary agency or official to investigate allegations of professional misconduct by the **Attorney** other than a **Wrongful Act** arising from or in connection with **Professional Services** of the **Insured** that would otherwise fall within the coverage of this **Policy**, then, except as provided in Section 1.D.3., the **Company** shall reimburse the **Named Insured** for attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the **Named Insured** in relation to such proceeding, subject to the following:

- 1. The maximum reimbursement amount for any one **Attorney** involved in such proceeding shall be \$25,000 without regard to the number of such proceedings involving said **Attorney** during the **Policy Period**;
- The maximum reimbursement amount shall be \$75,000 per Policy Period and Extended Reporting Period, if applicable, without regard to the number of such proceedings or the number of Attorneys listed in Item 3 of the Declarations;
- The Company will not reimburse the Named Insured for any attorney's fees and expenses incurred by the Named Insured in relation to such proceedings if the Attorney is disbarred in conjunction with such proceedings; and
- 4. The **Company** shall have the right to appoint legal counsel in the **Company**'s sole discretion after consultation with the **Attorney** that is the subject of the proceedings.

#### E. EXHAUSTION OF LIMIT OF LIABILITY AND TENDER OF REMAINING LIMIT OF LIABILITY

The **Company**'s duty to defend shall be fully satisfied, and the **Company** shall not be obligated to continue to defend any **Claim** or pay any **Claim Expenses**, nor be obligated to pay any **Damages**, or interest thereon, after:

- 1. The applicable Limit of Liability has been exhausted by payments of Damages and/or Claim Expenses; or
- The Company has deposited an amount equal to the applicable Limit of Liability, minus any Damages paid on the Claim and any Claim Expenses paid on the Claim and chargeable against the Limit of Liability, with a court of competent jurisdiction, to be disbursed by the court's order.

In either such case, the **Company** shall have the right to withdraw from further defense of the **Claim** by tendering control of the defense to the **Insured**. The **Insured** agrees, as a condition to the issuance of this **Policy**, to accept such tender.

### F. POLICY TERRITORY

This **Policy** applies to any **Wrongful Act** occurring anywhere in the world, provided that a **Claim** otherwise covered by this **Policy** is made within the United States of America, its territories or possessions, or Canada.

# **SECTION 2 – DEFINITIONS**

As used in this **Policy**, including the **Declarations**:

- A. **Attorney** means an individual attorney who is properly licensed to practice law or a professional business entity of which said individual attorney who is properly licensed to practice law is the sole owner and employee; provided, however, that with respect to the **Professional Services** which are the subject of a **Claim**, the individual attorney must have been properly licensed at the time the **Professional Services** were or should have been rendered within the jurisdiction in which the **Professional Services** were or should have been rendered.
- B. **Bodily Injury** means any injury to the body, any sickness or disease, or any death. **Bodily Injury** also includes any mental, psychological, or emotional injury, anguish, tension, distress, pain, suffering, shock or death, regardless of whether or not such condition arises from any injury to the body, from any sickness or disease, or from any death.
- C. **Claim** means a demand for money or services including, but not necessarily limited to, the service of suit or institution of arbitration or alternative dispute resolution proceedings against the **Insured**.

**Claim** does <u>not</u> mean <u>nor</u> include any demand, service or proceeding arising from or in connection with any actual or alleged:



- 1. Discrimination by an **Insured** including, but not necessarily limited to, discrimination based on race, color, creed, age, sex, gender, nationality, marital status or sexual orientation;
- 2. Sexual harassment or misconduct by an **Insured**;
- 3. Employment-related matter involving an Insured as an employer;
- 4. Security breach, unauthorized access, unauthorized use or misuse of any **Computer Systems**;
- 5. Theft, unauthorized use or misuse of any login information, access information or identification, or personally identifiable information including, but not necessarily limited to, any password, username, social security number or other code or identifier intended for use in accessing any **Computer Systems**, account, website or the internet;
- 6. Infection, damage or loss of use of any **Computer Systems** due to the transmission of or failure to prevent the transmission of any malware, ransomware or malicious code;
- 7. Notice or written demand arising from or in connection with any disciplinary, investigatory or other proceeding before a state licensing board, peer review committee or governmental regulatory body involving an **Insured Attorney**;
- 8. Nuclear reaction, radiation or contamination, or any pollution, contamination or condition of any real or personal property, regardless of cause;
- 9. Advertising or marketing services or activities; or
- 10. **Bodily Injury** of any person.

# D. Claim Expenses means:

- Fees charged by any attorney(s) designated by the Company to defend a Claim or otherwise represent an Insured;
- All other fees, costs, and expenses resulting from the investigation, adjustment, defense, and appeal of a Claim (including a suit or proceeding arising in connection therewith), if incurred by the Company, or if incurred by the Insured with the prior written consent of the Company; and
- 3. Any supplementary payments incurred or reimbursed by the Company under Section 1.D.

# Claim Expenses does <u>not</u> mean <u>nor</u> include:

- 4. Salaries or other compensation of regular employees or officials of the **Company** or the **Named Insured**; or
- 5. Premiums for any supersedeas, appeal, attachment or other similar bond and the **Company** shall have no obligation to apply for, furnish or issue such bond.
- E. Claim Expense Allowance means, with respect to Claims first made and first reported during the Policy Period, an amount equal to one half of the "Each Claim" Limit of Liability listed in Item 5 of the Declarations, or \$500,000, whichever is less, and includes the amount of any applicable Deductible and any supplementary payments incurred or reimbursed by the Company under Section 1.D. The Claim Expense Allowance is described further in Section 4.B.
  - **Claim Expense Allowance** means, with respect to **Claims** first made and first reported during any applicable **Extended Reporting Period**, the applicable **Claim Expense Allowance** further described in Section 5.J.
- F. **Computer Systems** means computers, information systems, servers, hardware, software, and associated input and output devices, data storage devices, networking equipment, back up facilities and any other associated or connected electronic devices, including mobile devices.
- G. Contract Attorney means a non-employee Attorney who is or was rendering services for and on behalf of the Named Insured, but solely for a Claim arising from or in connection with the provision of Professional Services by the Named Insured or Predecessor Law Firm, solely to the extent no other insurance or extension of insurance applies, and solely to the extent said Contract Attorney's services satisfy the following conditions:
  - 1. The services must be rendered to a client of the **Named Insured** in conjunction with the **Named Insured's** rendering of **Professional Services** to such client; and
  - 2. The non-employee **Attorney** must be identified as an **Attorney** in Item 3 of the **Declarations**.



# H. **Damages** means any:

- 1. Monetary award by way of judgment or final arbitration, or any settlement; and
- 2. Civil liability which may be imposed upon an **Insured** under § 813(a) of the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (codified at 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)), as may hereafter be amended from time to time.

## **Damages** does *not* mean *nor* include any:

- 3. Punitive, multiple, or exemplary damages, fines, sanctions, penalties or citations, including, without limitation, any consequential or incidental damages, attorney's fees or costs, or pre-judgment or post-judgment interest resulting therefrom, regardless against whom the same are levied or imposed and regardless of whether the same were levied or imposed in a separate matter or proceeding;
- 4. Awards deemed uninsurable by law;
- 5. Injunctive, declaratory, or other equitable relief, or costs or fees incident thereto;
- 6. Restitution, reduction, disgorgement or set-off of any fees, costs, consideration or expenses paid to or charged by an Insured, or any other funds or property of any person or entity presently or formerly held or in any manner directly or indirectly controlled by an Insured;
- 7. Injury or damage to, destruction of, loss of, or loss of use of any funds or property; or
- 8. Pollution, contamination or erosion of any property.
- Declarations means the Policy Declarations attaching to this Policy for the current Policy Period listed in Item 4 of the Policy Declarations.
- J. Deductible means the Deductible amount for "Each Claim" stated in Item 6 of the Declarations. The Deductible is described further in Section 4.A.
- K. **Effective Date** means 12:01 a.m., at the address stated in Item 1 of the **Declarations**, on the **Effective Date** listed in Item 4 of the **Declarations**.
- L. **Exempt Organization** means an **Organization** exempt from taxation within the meaning of the following enumerated sections of 501(c) of the United States Internal Revenue Code: 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6), 501(c)(7), 501(c)(8) and 501(c)(10).
- M. **Expiration Date** means 12:01 a.m., at the address stated in Item 1 of the **Declarations**, on the **Expiration Date** listed in Item 4 of the **Declarations**.
- N. Extended Reporting Period Endorsement means an endorsement issued by the Company providing for an Extended Reporting Period as described in Section 5 for reporting of a Claim that: (a) would otherwise be covered by this Policy; (b) arises from a Wrongful Act that occurred after the Retroactive Coverage Date and before the end of the Policy Period; and (c) is first made, and first reported to the Company, after the end of the Policy Period and during the Extended Reporting Period.
- O. **Extended Reporting Period** means the period of time set forth in an automatic 60-day extended reporting period identified in Section 5.A. or the period of time set forth in an **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** that the **Company** may issue after expiration or cancellation of the **Policy Period** as described in Section 5.
- P. **Formal Mediation** means a voluntary alternative dispute resolution ("ADR") process agreed to by the **Company** and the **Insured** and engaged in without a court order or judicial rule, by which: (i) a qualified professional mediator is chosen by the parties to the **Claim** with agreement by the **Company**; (ii) a specific date, time and duration is established for the ADR process; and (iii) the mediator meets with and intercedes between the parties during the ADR process in an attempt to fully and finally resolve the **Claim**.
- Q. **Insured** means the **Named Insured** listed in Item 1 of the **Declarations** and each of the following, but solely for **Claims** arising from **Professional Services** performed for and on behalf of the **Named Insured** or a **Predecessor Law Firm**:
  - 1. An **Attorney** who is, at the time a **Claim** is first made, or who was, at the **Effective Date** of the **Policy**, a principal, partner, shareholder, member or other owner or employee of the **Named Insured**, and who is or was identified in Item 3 of the **Declarations**, provided that the requirements of this **Policy** concerning amendment of Item 3 of



- the **Declarations** have been complied with, and only if no other professional liability insurance or extension of professional liability insurance applies to the **Claim**;
- 2. An Attorney who was, before the Effective Date of the Policy, a principal, partner, shareholder, member or other owner or employee of the Named Insured or a Predecessor Law Firm, provided that information requested on the application concerning such person has been provided to the Company, and only if no other professional liability insurance or extension of professional liability insurance applies to the Claim;
- 3. An Attorney acting as "of counsel" under formal contract with the Named Insured or a Predecessor Law Firm, and who is identified in Item 3 of the Declarations, provided that information requested on the application concerning such person has been provided and that the requirements of this Policy concerning amendment of Item 3 have been complied with, and only if no other professional liability insurance or extension of professional liability insurance applies to the Claim;
- 4. A non-Attorney who is or was an employee of the Named Insured or a Predecessor Law Firm, solely for Claims arising from or in connection with actions within the scope of such person's duties as an employee of the Named Insured or a Predecessor Law Firm, and arising from or in connection with the rendering of Professional Services for and on behalf of the Named Insured or a Predecessor Law Firm, and only if no other professional liability insurance or extension of professional liability insurance applies to the Claim;
- 5. The heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and legal representatives of an **Insured**, in the event of the **Insured's** death, incapacity or bankruptcy;
- 6. A **Contract Attorney** who is, at the time a **Claim** is first made, or who was, at the **Effective Date** of this **Policy**, a **Contract Attorney** of the **Named Insured**, and who is or was identified in Item 3 of the **Declarations**;
- 7. Any **Predecessor Law Firm** listed as an additional **Insured** on an endorsement issued by the **Company** and identified in Item 8 of the **Declarations**; and
- 8. The spouse or legally recognized domestic partner of an **Insured**, but solely with respect to a **Claim** asserted against such **Insured** that is otherwise covered under this **Policy**; provided, however, that such spouse or legally recognized domestic partner shall accept the same legal counsel to defend the **Claim** as the **Company** appoints to represent the **Insured**, and only if no other professional liability insurance or extension of professional liability insurance applies to the **Claim**.
- R. Limit of Liability means, with respect to Claims first made and first reported during the Policy Period, the "Each Claim" Limit of Liability and the "Aggregate" Limit of Liability, as applicable and as listed in Item 5 of the Declarations. The Limit of Liability with respect to Claims first made and first reported during the Policy Period includes the amount of any applicable Deductible and is described further in Section 4.C.
  - **Limit of Liability** means, with respect to **Claims** first made and first reported during any **Extended Reported Period**, the applicable **Limit of Liability** further described in Section 5.J.
- S. Named Insured means the law firm or individual Attorney listed as the Named Insured in Item 1 of the Declarations.
- T. **Organization** means any corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership or limited liability company; association; charitable entity, enterprise or organization; health or welfare benefit plan, program, fund or trust; pension, profit-sharing, 401(k) or other retirement benefit plan, program, fund or trust; mutual fund or investment trust; or any other business entity, enterprise or organization of any kind or nature whatsoever. **Organization** does not include a decedent's estate or a trust (other than an investment trust).
- U. **Personal Injury** means an injury other than a **Bodily Injury** that results from:
  - 1. False arrest, detention or imprisonment;
  - 2. Wrongful entry or eviction or other invasion of private occupancy;
  - 3. Malicious prosecution;
  - 4. Publication or utterance of libel, slander or other defamatory or disparaging material; and
  - 5. Invasion of privacy, or publication or utterance in violation of an individual's right of privacy.



- V. Policy means this Lawyers Professional Liability Insurance Policy that the Company has issued to the Named Insured, including all endorsements attaching hereto, and including all current and previous application forms any Insured has delivered to the Company.
- W. Policy Period means the period of time between the Effective Date listed in Item 4 of the Declarations and the earlier to occur of (a) the Expiration Date listed in Item 4 of the Declarations, or (b) the date this Policy is otherwise terminated or cancelled prior to the Expiration Date. Policy Period does not mean nor include any Extended Reporting Period provided pursuant to Section 5.
- X. Predecessor Law Firm means any sole proprietorship or legally recognized business entity previously engaged in the private practice of law that: (i) has undergone dissolution; (ii) has been disclosed to the Company in the Named Insured's application for lawyers professional liability insurance; and (iii) is listed as an additional Insured on an endorsement issued by the Company and identified in Item 8 of the Declarations.
- Y. **Professional Services** means services or activities performed for and on behalf of the **Named Insured** or a **Predecessor Law Firm** and rendered solely to others as:
  - 1. An **Attorney** in an attorney-client relationship on behalf of one or more clients applying the **Attorney**'s specialized education, knowledge, skill, labor, experience and/or training, including pro bono services;
  - 2. A mediator, arbitrator, or other facilitator in a dispute resolution process;
  - 3. An administrator, conservator, guardian, executor, personal representative, trustee or other fiduciary, so long as the **Insured**: (i) is not a beneficiary of such estate, trust or other fiduciary relationship; and (ii) is not receiving compensation other than fees for such services paid directly from such estate or trust or for services in conjunction with such fiduciary capacity;
  - 4. An **Attorney** in researching or certifying title to real estate, including services as a title insurance agent acting on behalf of a title insurance company;
  - 5. A director, officer or member of any professional legal association, legal bar association, or paralegal or legal assistant association, including its governing board or any of its committees;
  - 6. An author or presenter of legal research papers, legal materials and legal seminars, including matters relating to the ethical and professional conduct of an **Attorney**, but only if such services or activities are performed without compensation or royalties, or the amount of compensation or royalties per publication, presentation or seminar does not exceed \$30,000;
  - 7. A court-appointed child and family investigator in a domestic relations matter, or other similar position or role so long as the **Insured** is acting pursuant to a court order;
  - 8. A government affairs advisor or lobbyist; and
  - 9. A notary public.

### **Professional Services** does *not* mean nor include any:

- 10. Services rendered or activities engaged in prior to the **Retroactive Coverage Date**;
- 11. Obligations or services assumed by or performed under any contract other than one to provide **Professional Services**;
- 12. Rendering of investment advice in any context or in any capacity including, but not limited to, advice concerning securities, real property, commodities, futures contracts or franchises;
- 13. Advertising or marketing services or activities;
- 14. Services as a broker, dealer, business manager, accountant, or real estate broker or agent; or
- 15. Services as an expert witness.
- Z. Related Professional Services means Professional Services that are connected temporally, logically or causally, by any common fact, circumstance, situation, transaction, event, advice or decision including, but not necessarily limited to, work that is part of the same or continuing Professional Services.



- AA. Retroactive Coverage Date means the date for the Named Insured as listed in Item 2 of the Declarations and, if applicable, the date for any Predecessor Law Firm as listed in an additional Insured endorsement issued by the Company and identified in Item 8 of the Declarations. The effect of the Retroactive Coverage Date is described in Section 1.A.1. and Section 5.
- BB. Wrongful Act means an actual or alleged:
  - 1. Act, error or omission in Professional Services that were or should have been rendered by the Insured; and
  - 2. A **Personal Injury** resulting from the **Professional Services** of the **Insured**.

# **SECTION 3 – EXCLUSIONS**

# THIS POLICY DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY CLAIM ARISING FROM OR IN CONNECTION WITH:

- A. Any dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, malicious, or intentionally wrongful or harmful act, error or omission committed by, at the direction of, or with the consent of an **Insured**, or any **Personal Injury** arising from or in connection with such conduct, subject to Section 6.A. ("innocent insured coverage");
- B. Any trust or estate of which an **Insured** is an heir, devisee, beneficiary or distributee of such trust or estate;
- C. Any **Professional Services** that were rendered or should have been rendered to or in connection with any **Organization** (including the ownership, maintenance or care of any property in connection with any such **Organization**) of which, at the time such **Professional Services** were or should have been rendered:
  - 1. An **Insured** was an officer, director, employee or other fiduciary;
  - 2. An **Insured** was a partner, shareholder, member or other owner; provided, however, that this provision does not apply if, at the time such **Professional Services** were or should have been rendered, no **Insured** (or group of **Insureds** collectively) owned, possessed or controlled a total voting interest or beneficial interest of more than ten percent (10%) of such **Organization**; or
  - 3. An **Insured** served in any capacity to directly or indirectly control, operate or manage such **Organization**.

This exclusion shall not apply to any **Claim** arising from or in connection with (i) an **Insured's** position as an officer or director of an **Exempt Organization**, but only to the extent the **Insured** is not indemnified by the **Exempt Organization**, and only to the extent no other insurance applies, or (ii) any **Professional Services** that were or should have been rendered to an **Organization** listed on an endorsement identified in Item 8 of the **Declarations**;

- D. Notary certification without the physical appearance of the person who is or claims to be, or who is otherwise represented to be the person signing said instrument;
- E. Any Wrongful Act that occurred prior to the Effective Date of this Policy, if:
  - The Wrongful Act occurred in the course of services or activities performed for a firm other than the Named Insured, and there is another policy of professional liability insurance that provides coverage for the Claim, regardless of the amount, if any, of the available limits of liability of the other policy, and regardless of whether or not the deductible provisions or limits of liability of the other policy are different from those of this Policy;
  - 2. There is an earlier-incepting policy of professional liability insurance that provides coverage for the Claim, or would have provided coverage for the Claim if the Insured's obligations under that policy had been complied with, regardless of the amount, if any, of the available limits of liability of the prior policy, and regardless of whether or not the deductible provisions or limits of liability of the prior policy are different from those of this Policy; or
  - Prior to the **Effective Date** of this **Policy**, any **Insured** gave or should have given to any insurer, notice of a **Claim** or potential **Claim** arising from or in connection with the **Wrongful Act**, or from any **Wrongful Act** that is connected temporally, logically or causally, by any common fact, circumstance, situation, transaction, event, advice or decision to the **Claim** or potential **Claim**.
- F. An **Insured's** activities as an elected public official, employee or representative of a governmental body, subdivision, or agency thereof ("public entity"), unless such **Insured** is deemed to be a public official, employee or representative solely by reason of rendering **Professional Services** to such public entity;



- G. An **Insured's** activities or capacity as a fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, or any regulation or order issued pursuant thereto, or under any other similar state or local law;
- H. Any conversion, misappropriation, wrongful disbursement, improper commingling or negligent supervision by any person of client or trust account funds or property, or funds or property of any other person, held or controlled at any time by an **Insured** in any capacity or under any authority, including any loss or reduction in value of such funds or property;
- I. Any dispute over fees or costs, or any **Claim** that seeks, whether directly or indirectly, the return, reimbursement or disgorgement of fees, costs, or other funds or property held or controlled at any time by an **Insured**;
- J. Any defect in title to real estate that was not disclosed in public records and that any **Insured** knew about when a title insurance policy was issued;
- K. Breach of any underwriting authority granted any **Insured** by a title insurance company or its authorized representative;
- L. Any liability agreed to or assumed by an **Insured** under an agreement where the **Insured** has agreed to indemnify for or share or participate in any loss payment or expense due or payable under a title insurance policy;
- M Any Claim that is otherwise covered under any other insurance policy that the Company has issued to the Named Insured; or
- N. Any act, error or omission or **Personal Injury** committed by any **Attorney** with whom any **Insured** shares common office space or office facilities, but which said **Attorney** is not identified as an **Insured Attorney** in Item 3 of the Declarations.

### THIS **POLICY** DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY **CLAIM** MADE BY:

- O. An employer against an **Insured** who is or was an employee of the employer;
- P. An **Insured**;
- Q. A family member or other relative of an **Insured**; or
- R. Anyone who is or was a partner, officer, director, owner, stockholder or employee of any **Insured**.

# SECTION 4 - DEDUCTIBLE, CLAIM EXPENSE ALLOWANCE, LIMIT OF LIABILITY, AND MULTIPLE CLAIMS

# A. DEDUCTIBLE

- 1. For each and every Claim covered by this Policy, the Named Insured shall pay all Claim Expenses and Damages up to the Deductible for each and every covered Claim. The Named Insured's payment of all Claim Expenses and Damages up to the Deductible for each and every covered Claim is a condition precedent to the Company's obligation to pay any Claim Expenses or Damages for each and every covered Claim. Each Insured shall be jointly and severally liable for such Claim Expenses and Damages in the event the Named Insured fails to make any required payment.
- 2. The Company shall not have any obligation to pay Claim Expenses or Damages until after the Deductible is exhausted. If the Company pays any amount within the Deductible, the Named Insured and each Insured shall be jointly and severally liable to the Company for any and all such amounts paid by the Company and, on demand, shall promptly reimburse such amounts to the Company.
- 3. The maximum aggregate **Deductible** amount payable by the **Named Insured** for all **Claims** first made and reported during a **Policy Period**, without regard to the number of **Claims** or claimants, or the number of **Insureds**, shall be twice the "Each **Claim" Deductible** amount listed in Item 6 of the **Declarations**.
- 4. If a **Claim** is resolved through **Formal Mediation**, the **Deductible** payable by the **Named Insured** for that **Claim** will be reduced by an amount equal to the lesser of: (i) fifty percent (50%) of the **Deductible**; or (ii) \$25,000.



#### B. CLAIM EXPENSE ALLOWANCE

- 1. This Policy provides a Claim Expense Allowance. The Company's payment of any Claim Expenses will first be applied against and reduce the Claim Expense Allowance. Subject to Section 4.B.2., the Claim Expense Allowance shall be the maximum aggregate amount the Company shall be obligated to pay for Claim Expenses for all Claims first made and reported during a Policy Period, without regard to the number of Claims or claimants, or the number of Insureds.
- 2. In the event payment by the Named Insured or the Company (or both) of Claim Expenses exhausts the remaining available Claim Expense Allowance under this Policy, any further payment of Claim Expenses shall be applied against and reduce the remaining available Limit of Liability, described in Section 4.C. The Company shall have no further obligation to pay Claim Expenses once any Limit of Liability is reached.
- 3. The Claim Expense Allowance includes the Deductible, and to the extent any Insured is required during the Policy Period to pay Claim Expenses as part of a Deductible, the remaining available Claim Expense Allowance for the Policy Period shall be reduced by the amount of such payments by the Insured.
- 4. If the Company issues an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement, the Claim Expense Allowance applicable during the Extended Reporting Period is described in Section 5.J.

### C. LIMIT OF LIABILITY

- Subject to Section 4.B.2. and subject always to the remaining available "Aggregate" Limit of Liability in the event more than one Claim is first made and first reported during the Policy Period, the "Each Claim" Limit of Liability listed in Item 5 of the Declarations shall be the maximum amount the Company shall pay for each Claim first made and first reported during a Policy Period, without regard to the number of claimants or the number of Insureds. The Limit of Liability includes the Deductible, and to the extent any Insured is required during the Policy Period to pay Damages as part of a Deductible, the remaining available Limit of Liability for the Claim shall be reduced by the amount of such payments by the Insured.
- The "Aggregate" Limit of Liability listed in Item 5 of the Declarations shall be the maximum amount the Company shall pay for all Claims first made and first reported during a Policy Period, without regard to the number of Claims or claimants, or the number of Insureds.
- 3. If the Company issues an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement, the Limit of Liability applicable during the Extended Reporting Period is described in Section 5.J.
- 4. If the **Company** pays any amount in excess of the applicable **Limit of Liability**, or any other amount for which the **Company** has no obligation under this **Policy**, each **Insured** shall be jointly and severally liable to the **Company** for any and all such amounts and, on demand, shall promptly reimburse such amounts to the **Company**.

## D. MULTIPLE CLAIMS, CLAIMANTS, OR INSUREDS

Neither the making of one or more Claims against more than one Insured, nor the making of Claims by more than one claimant, shall operate to increase the Limit of Liability. All Claims that arise out of or in connection with the same Professional Services or Related Professional Services, whenever made and without regard to the number of Claims, claimants, or implicated Insureds, shall be treated as a single Claim. All such Claims, whenever made, shall be deemed first made at the time the earliest Claim arising out of such Professional Services or Related Professional Services was first made, and all such Claims shall be subject to the same "Each Claim" Limit of Liability, "Aggregate" Limit of Liability, and Claim Expense Allowance.

# E. NON-CUMULATION OF LIMITS OF LIABILITY

If two or more policies of lawyers professional liability insurance issued by the **Company** would otherwise provide coverage to an **Insured** or multiple **Insureds** with respect to any **Claim**, the **Claim** shall be subject to, and the maximum amount the **Company** shall be obligated to pay is, the highest available **Limit of Liability** of one of such policies. The **Limit of Liability** under this **Policy** shall be reduced, and may be exhausted, by payments under this **Policy** or payments under such other policies issued by the **Company**.



# SECTION 5 - EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD

#### A. AUTOMATIC 60-DAY EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD

- If this Policy is cancelled or not renewed by the Company or Named Insured for any reason other than nonpayment of premium or Deductible, or for fraud or material misrepresentation in any application for lawyers professional liability insurance delivered to the Company, then the Named Insured shall have an automatic 60-day period to report a Claim, commencing immediately upon expiration or cancellation of the Policy Period, subject to the terms and conditions of Section 5.J. and Section 5.K.
- 2. The automatic 60-day reporting period under this Section 5.A. shall immediately terminate if: (i) the **Company** issues an **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** to the **Named Insured** at any time during such 60-day period; or (ii) the **Named Insured** binds coverage or otherwise becomes insured under another policy of lawyers professional liability insurance issued by any insurer.
- B. FREE EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD FOR RETIRING SOLE PRACTITIONER

This Section 5.B. shall apply to any **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** issued to an individual **Attorney** who is the only **Attorney** identified in Item 3 of the **Declarations**.

- 1. An Attorney practicing as a sole practitioner shall have the right, upon written request to the Company no later than thirty (30) days after expiration or cancellation of the Policy Period, to have the Company issue an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement of unlimited duration to the Attorney if the Attorney satisfies the following conditions:
  - (a) The Attorney is identified in Item 3 of the Declarations and has been the only Attorney identified in Item 3 of the Declarations and the only Attorney continuously insured by the Company under this Policy or a predecessor to this Policy during the five-year period immediately preceding expiration or cancellation of the Policy Period; and
  - (b) The **Attorney** has attained age 55 or older and retires from and permanently and completely ceases the practice of law and the rendering of **Professional Services** during the **Policy Period**.
- 2. No additional premium will be charged if the **Company** issues an **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** to the sole practitioner **Attorney** pursuant to Section 5.B.1.
- 3. If the Company issues an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement pursuant to Section 5.B.1., the Company's Limit of Liability during the Extended Reporting Period shall be as stated in Section 5.J.
- 4. Any **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** issued under this Section 5.B. shall be subject to the terms and conditions of Section 5.K.
- C. FREE EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD FOR ATTORNEY RETIRING FROM NAMED INSURED FIRM

This Section 5.C. shall apply to any **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** issued to an individual **Attorney** if the **Named Insured** has more than one (1) **Attorney** identified in Item 3 of the **Declarations**.

- An Attorney shall have the right, upon written request to the Company no later than thirty (30) days after expiration or cancellation of the Policy Period, to have the Company issue an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement of unlimited duration if the Attorney satisfies the following conditions:
  - (a) The **Attorney** is identified in Item 3 of the **Declarations** and has been identified in Item 3 of the **Declarations** and continuously insured by the **Company** under this **Policy** and each predecessor policy to this **Policy** during the five-year period immediately preceding expiration or cancellation of the **Policy Period**; and
  - (b) The **Attorney** has attained age 55 or older and retires from and permanently and completely ceases the practice of law and the rendering of **Professional Services** during the **Policy Period**.



- 2. No additional premium will be charged if the **Company** issues an **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** to an **Attorney** pursuant to Section 5.C.1.
- 3. If the Company issues an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement pursuant to Section 5.C.1., the Company's Limit of Liability during the Extended Reporting Period shall be as stated in Section 5.J.
- Any Extended Reporting Period Endorsement issued pursuant to Section 5.C.1. shall be subject to the terms and conditions of Section 5.K.

# D. FREE EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD UPON DEATH

- If an Attorney identified in Item 3 of the Declarations dies during the Policy Period, the executor, personal representative or other duly authorized administrator of the Attorney's estate shall have the right to request that the Company issue an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement to the Attorney's estate, subject to satisfaction of all of the following terms and conditions:
  - (a) The executor, personal representative or other duly authorized administrator of the Attorney's estate shall deliver to the Company no later than thirty (30) days following expiration of the Policy Period or any applicable Extended Reporting Period: (i) a written request that the Company issue an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement; and (ii) written proof of the date and cause of death of the Attorney;
  - (b) No **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** shall be available if suicide or abuse or misuse of any substance is the cause of the **Attorney**'s death; and
  - (c) The **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** issued to the **Attorney**'s estate shall terminate upon the later of: (i) the informal or formal closing of the **Attorney**'s estate; or (ii) that date which is three (3) years following the date of death of the **Attorney**.
- No additional premium will be charged if the Company issues an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement to an Attorney pursuant to this Section 5.D.1.
- 3. If the Company issues an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement pursuant to Section 5.D.1., the Company's Limit of Liability during the Extended Reporting Period shall be as stated in Section 5.J.
- 4. Any **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** issued pursuant to Section 5.D.1. shall be subject to the terms and conditions of Section 5.K.

# E. FREE EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD UPON TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY

- If an Attorney identified in Item 3 of the Declarations becomes totally and permanently disabled during the Policy Period, then the Attorney or the legal guardian acting on behalf of the Attorney shall have the right to request that the Company issue an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement of unlimited duration, subject to satisfaction of all of the following terms and conditions:
  - (a) The Attorney or such legal guardian shall deliver to the Company no later than thirty (30) days following expiration of the Policy Period: (i) a written request that the Company issue an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement; and (ii) a written certification from a licensed physician stating that the Attorney is totally and permanently disabled;
  - (b) No **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** shall be available if the **Attorney** is totally and permanently disabled arising from or in connection with abuse or misuse of any substance;
  - (c) If the Company issues an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement to an Attorney who is totally and permanently disabled, the Extended Reporting Period shall immediately terminate if the Attorney begins to render any Professional Services at any time after the Company issues the Extended Reporting Period Endorsement; and
  - (d) Upon the **Company**'s request and at the **Company**'s sole expense, the **Attorney** must agree to submit to a medical examination by a licensed physician designated by the **Company**.
- 2. Solely for purposes of this Section 5.E., including the written certification from a licensed physician as required under Section 5.E.1.(a), the phrase "totally and permanently disabled" shall mean:
  - (a) Due to **Bodily Injury**, other than death, the **Attorney** is wholly and entirely prevented from rendering any **Professional Services**;



- (b) Such Bodily Injury has existed for no less than six (6) months prior to expiration of the Policy Period; and
- (c) Such **Bodily Injury** is reasonably expected to be continuous and permanent.
- 3. No additional premium will be charged if the **Company** issues an **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** to an **Attorney** pursuant to Section 5.E.1.
- 4. If the Company issues an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement pursuant to Section 5.E.1., the Company's Limit of Liability during the Extended Reporting Period shall be as stated in Section 5.J.
- 5. Any **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** issued pursuant to Section 5.E.1. shall be subject to the terms and conditions of Section 5.K.

#### F. FREE EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD UPON ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE

- 1. If an Attorney listed in Item 3 of the Declarations is called to active duty as a member of the United States armed forces, then the Attorney shall have the right to request that the Company issue an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement of unlimited duration to the Attorney. The Attorney shall deliver to the Company no later than thirty (30) days after being called to active duty: (i) a written request for issuance of an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement; and (ii) written proof demonstrating that the Attorney has been called to active duty.
- 2. No additional premium will be charged if the **Company** issues an **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** to an **Attorney** pursuant to this Section 5.F.1.
- 3. If the Company issues an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement pursuant to Section 5.F.1., the Company's Limit of Liability during the Extended Reporting Period shall be as stated in Section 5.J.
- 4. Any **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** issued pursuant to Section 5.F.1. shall be subject to the terms and conditions of Section 5.K.

### G. OPTIONAL EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD FOR INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY

- An Attorney who has <u>not</u> been continuously insured by the Company under this Policy and each predecessor policy to this Policy during the five-year period immediately preceding expiration or cancellation of the Policy Period shall have the right, upon written request to the Company and upon payment of the additional premium specified in Section 5.I. no later than thirty (30) days after expiration or cancellation of the Policy Period, to have the Company issue an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement to the Attorney if the Attorney satisfies the following conditions:
  - (a) The **Attorney** is identified in Item 3 of the **Declarations**; and
  - (b) The **Attorney** has attained age 55 or older and retires from and permanently and completely ceases the practice of law and the rendering of **Professional Services** during the **Policy Period**.
- 2. If an Attorney identified in Item 3 of the Declarations ceases to be a principal, partner, shareholder or other owner or employee of the Named Insured during the Policy Period, and continues to render Professional Services but not on behalf of the Named Insured, then the Attorney shall have the right, upon written request to the Company and upon payment of the additional premium specified in Section 5.I. no later than thirty (30) days after ceasing to be a principal, partner, shareholder or other owner or employee of the Named Insured, to have the Company issue an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement.
- 3. If the **Company** issues an **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** pursuant to Section 5.G.1. or Section 5.G.2., the **Company**'s **Limit of Liability** during the **Extended Reporting Period** shall be as stated in Section 5.J.
- 4. Any **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** issued pursuant to Section 5.G.1. or Section 5.G.2 shall be subject to the terms and conditions of Section 5.K.

### H. OPTIONAL EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD FOR NAMED INSURED

1. If this Policy is cancelled or not renewed by the Company or Named Insured for any reason other than nonpayment of premium or Deductible or fraud or material misrepresentation in any application for lawyers professional liability insurance delivered to the Company, and except as otherwise provided herein, the Named Insured shall have the right, upon written request to the Company and upon payment of the additional premium specified in Section 5.I. no later than thirty (30) days after expiration or cancellation of the Policy



**Period**, to have the **Company** issue an **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** of a duration as set forth in Section 5.I.1.

- 2. If the Company issues an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement pursuant to this Section 5.H., the Company's Limit of Liability during the Extended Reporting Period shall be as stated in Section 5.J.
- Any Extended Reporting Period Endorsement issued under this Section 5.H. shall be subject to the terms and conditions of Section 5.K.
- I. PREMIUM FOR EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD ENDORSEMENT
  - 1. If the Company issues an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement to the Named Insured pursuant to Section 5.H.1., the premium for any Extended Reporting Period Endorsement shall be calculated based upon a percentage of the expiring premium of this Policy as applied to the duration of the Extended Reporting Period as follows:

Duration of Extended Reporting Period	Percentage of Expiring Premium
1 Year	125%
2 Years	175%
3 Years	200%
5 Years	265%
Unlimited	300%

- 2. If the Company issues an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement to an individual Attorney pursuant to Section 5.G.1 or Section 5.G.2., the premium for any Extended Reporting Period Endorsement shall be calculated based upon the Attorney's portion of the expiring premium of this Policy multiplied by the percentage applicable to an unlimited Extended Reporting Period Endorsement as set forth in Section 5.I.1.
- 3. Except as stated in Section 5.G.2., the premium for any **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** must be paid no later than thirty (30) days after expiration or cancellation of the **Policy Period**. If the **Company** issues an **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** pursuant to Section 5.G.2., the premium for the **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** must be paid no later than thirty (30) days after the individual **Attorney** ceases to be a principal, partner, shareholder or other owner or employee of the **Named Insured**.
- J. LIMIT OF LIABILITY AND CLAIM EXPENSE ALLOWANCE DURING EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD
  - 1. If the Company issues an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement to a sole practitioner Attorney pursuant to Section 5.B.1. or to the Named Insured pursuant to Section 5.B.1, the Extended Reporting Period Endorsement does <u>not</u> create or establish a new or separate Policy, Limit of Liability or Claim Expense Allowance and will not increase or reinstate the Limit of Liability or the Claim Expense Allowance under this Policy. Instead, the maximum amount the Company shall pay as Claim Expenses and Damages for all Claims first made and first reported to the Company during the Extended Reporting Period shall be the remaining Limit of Liability and the remaining Claim Expense Allowance under this Policy at the time of expiration or cancellation of the Policy Period.
  - 2. Subject to the further limitation set forth in Section 5.J.4, if the Company issues an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement to an individual Attorney pursuant to Section 5.C., Section 5.D., Section 5.E., Section 5.F., or Section 5.G., the maximum amount the Company shall pay as Claim Expenses for all Claims first made against the Attorney and first reported to the Company during the Extended Reporting Period shall be the lesser of:
    - (a) The remaining **Claim Expense Allowance** under this **Policy** at the time of expiration or cancellation of the **Policy Period**; or
    - (b) \$125,000.

The amount of such **Claim Expense Allowance** shall be determined without regard to the number of **Claims** or claimants.

3. Subject to the further limitation set forth in Section 5.J.4., if the **Company** issues an **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** to an individual **Attorney** pursuant to Section 5.C., Section 5.D., Section 5.E., Section 5.F., or



Section 5.G., the maximum amount the **Company** shall pay as **Damages** for all **Claims** first made against the **Attorney** and first reported to the **Company** during the **Extended Reporting Period** shall be the *lesser* of:

- (a) The remaining Limit of Liability under this Policy at the time of expiration or cancellation of the Policy Period; or
- (b) \$500,000.

The maximum amount the **Company** shall pay as **Damages** during the **Extended Reporting Period** shall be determined without regard to the number of **Claims** or claimants.

- 4. If the Company has issued an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement to more than one former Attorney of the Named Insured, the "Each Claim" Limit of Liability listed in Item 5 of the Declarations shall be the maximum amount the Company shall pay for all Claims first made and first reported during any Extended Reporting Period, without regard to the number of Claims or claimants, or the number of Attorneys to whom the Company has issued an Extended Reporting Period Endorsement.
- K. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD ENDORSEMENT
  - If the Company issues any Extended Reporting Period Endorsement to an individual Attorney pursuant to Section 5.C., Section 5.D., Section 5.E., Section 5.F., or Section 5.G., the Extended Reporting Period shall become effective and shall commence only upon the latest to occur of the following:
    - (a) The date the **Named Insured** no longer has available any other insurance that provides coverage to the **Attorney** for any **Claim** first made and first reported to the **Company** after the **Company** has issued the **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement**;
    - (b) Expiration or cancellation of the **Policy Period**;
    - (c) Expiration or cancellation of any renewal or successive renewal of this **Policy**; and
    - (d) Expiration or cancellation of any Extended Reporting Period Endorsement issued to the Named Insured.
  - 2. Any Extended Reporting Period and Extended Reporting Period Endorsement provided under Section 5 simply extends the reporting period to first report a Claim to the Company under this Policy that:
    - (a) Is otherwise covered by this Policy;
    - (b) Arises from a **Wrongful Act** that occurred after the **Retroactive Coverage Date** and before the end of the **Policy Period**; and
    - (c) Is first made, and first reported to the **Company**, after the end of the **Policy Period** and during the **Extended Reporting Period**.
  - Any Claim reported to the Company during the Extended Reporting Period shall be treated as if reported during the Policy Period.
  - 4. Immediately upon issuance of an **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement**, any premium paid for the **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** shall be non-refundable and the **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** shall not be cancellable, except as provided in Section 5.K.5.
  - 5. No **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** under this Section 5, nor any continuation thereof, shall be available to an **Attorney** or the **Named Insured**, and if issued shall be deemed automatically cancelled, if:
    - (a) The **Company** cancels this **Policy** or any other policy for failure to pay the premiums when due or for failure to pay any **Deductible** or other amount due to the **Company**;
    - (b) The **Company** cancels or rescinds this **Policy** or any other policy for fraud or misrepresentation in any application or other submission to the **Company**;
    - (c) Any **Insured** fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this **Policy** or any other policy, including any **Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** or any other endorsements; or
    - (d) Any **Insured's** license or right to practice law has been revoked, suspended, or surrendered after the commencement of any investigation or disciplinary proceeding by any regulatory authority.



6. If the Company issues any Extended Reporting Period Endorsement under Section 5, it is understood that any such Extended Reporting Period Endorsement is not a new insurance policy, but instead an endorsement that simply extends the time period during which to report a Claim under this Policy. All other terms and conditions of this Policy shall apply to any Extended Reporting Period and any Extended Reporting Period Endorsement.

### **SECTION 6 – GENERAL CONDITIONS**

# A. INNOCENT INSURED COVERAGE

- 1. Whenever a Claim otherwise covered by this Policy would be excluded based solely upon Section 3.A. and no other applicable exclusion under this Policy, coverage will be afforded to any individual Insured who did not personally commit, or personally participate in committing, any such act, error or omission, or in causing such Personal Injury, and who did not remain passive after learning of the act, error, omission, or Personal Injury, provided that each such individual Insured shall have immediately notified the Company and complied with all obligations under this Policy once said Insured obtained knowledge of the act, error, omission or Personal Injury. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to afford any coverage to a Named Insured that is an entity rather than an individual.
- 2. No coverage will be afforded to any individual **Insured** under Section 6.A.1. if the **Claim** is otherwise excluded from coverage based upon any applicable exclusion from coverage under this **Policy** other than Section 3.A.
- The Company's obligation to provide coverage or make any payment of Damages or Claim Expenses under this Section 6.A. shall be in excess of any and all assets of any Insured who is not afforded coverage under this Section 6.A.

# B. INSURED'S OBLIGATIONS UPON NOTICE OF CLAIM OR POTENTIAL CLAIM

- When an Insured becomes aware of a Wrongful Act that could reasonably be expected to be the basis of a Claim, but no Claim arising therefrom has yet been made, then as a condition precedent to the Company's obligation to defend or indemnify the Insured under this Policy, the Insured shall immediately give written notice to the Company. Such notice shall include the fullest information obtainable concerning the potential Claim. The Insured must deliver written notice to the Company in accordance with the CLAIMS MADE AND REPORTED POLICY paragraph set forth on page 1 of this Policy.
- 2. If, during the **Policy Period** or any **Extended Reporting Period**, the **Company** is given written notice of a potential **Claim** pursuant to Section 6.B.1, and a **Claim** arising from or in connection with the same **Wrongful Act** is subsequently made against an **Insured** no later than six years after the end of the **Insured's** last **Policy Period** or any applicable **Extended Reporting Period**, then any such **Claim** shall be deemed to have been first reported during the **Policy Period** or **Extended Reporting Period** in which the potential **Claim** was reported.
- 3. When a **Claim** is made against an **Insured**, the **Insured** shall immediately forward to the **Company** every demand, notice, summons or other process received by the **Insured** or the **Insured's** representative. The **Company** shall have no obligation hereunder with respect to a **Claim** unless and until so notified.
- 4. In the event an **Insured** fails to give written notice to the **Company** of a **Claim**, prior to the end of the **Policy Period** in which the **Claim** is made, or in the event an **Insured** fails to give written notice to the **Company** of a potential **Claim**, as described in Section 6.B.1, prior to the end of the **Policy Period** in which the **Insured** first becomes aware of the act, error, omission, or **Personal Injury**, then no coverage for any such **Claim** shall be afforded to the **Insured** under any future policy issued by the **Company**.

# C. ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION OF THE INSURED

- Each Insured shall cooperate with the Company in its investigation of any Claim, including, without limitation, by promptly complying with all requests for any Insured to submit to or provide any statements, including any sworn statements or statements under oath of any Insured, reports, documents, or other information, and by providing copies of all pertinent files upon request.
- 2. Each **Insured** shall cooperate and assist, as requested, in the defense of any **Claim**, in making any settlements, and in enforcing any right of contribution or indemnity against any person. If requested by the **Company**, such assistance may include, without limitation, attendance at hearings and trials and assistance in securing and



giving evidence and in obtaining the attendance of witnesses. Neither the **Insured** nor the **Insured's** legal representative shall impede the **Company's** investigation or defense of any **Claim**.

- 3. Each **Insured** shall notify the **Company** of any demand to arbitrate a **Claim** against an **Insured**, and any right to demand arbitration of a **Claim**, and in the event the **Company** elects to proceed with arbitration, shall cooperate in any such proceeding.
- 4. No Insured shall, without the Company's prior written consent, engage in or offer to engage in any of the following with respect to any Claim or potential Claim: (a) make any payments; (b) admit any liability; (c) stipulate to the entry of a judgment against the Insured; (d) settle any Claim; (e) assume any obligation; (f) negotiate any tolling agreement; or (g) incur any expense. If an Insured engages in or offers to engage in any of the foregoing, the Insured shall do so at the Insured's own liability and expense, and such engagement, action or offer by the Insured shall be deemed to be a breach of the Insured's duty to cooperate with the Company with respect to such Claim or potential Claim.

### D. ACTION AGAINST COMPANY

No action shall lie against the **Company** unless and until the **Insured** has fully complied with all terms and conditions of this **Policy**, and unless and until the amount of the **Insured's** obligation to pay has been finally determined either by judgment against the **Insured** or by written agreement of the **Insured**, the claimant and the **Company**. No person or **Organization** shall have the right under this **Policy** to join the **Company** as a party to any **Claim** against an **Insured**.

### E. OTHER INSURANCE

Except where coverage under this **Policy** is excluded under Section 3.E., the insurance provided under this **Policy** shall be excess over any other valid and collectible insurance, whether such insurance is stated to be primary, contributory, excess, contingent or otherwise, unless such other insurance is specifically written only as excess insurance over this **Policy**.

### F. SUBROGATION

- 1. In the event of any payment under this **Policy**, the **Company** shall be subrogated to all the **Insured's** rights of recovery against any person or organization. The **Insured** shall execute and deliver such instruments and papers as may be required by the **Company**, and shall do whatever else is necessary, to secure such rights. The **Insured** shall at no time do anything to prejudice such rights.
- 2. The **Company** shall not exercise any subrogation rights against another **Insured**, except with respect to any **Claim** arising from, involving, or in connection with any dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, malicious, or intentionally wrongful or harmful act, error or omission of, or **Personal Injury** caused by, such **Insured**.
- 3. Any amounts recovered through subrogation shall be apportioned as follows: First, to the repayment of expenses incurred in enforcing subrogation; Second, to repayment of any loss and expense payments by the Insured in excess of any Deductible; Third, to any loss and expense payments by an excess carrier on behalf of the Insured; Fourth, to any loss and expense payments by any primary carrier, including the Company, on behalf of the Insured; and Last, to repayment of the Insured's Deductible.

# G. CHANGES IN POLICY TERMS

Except where otherwise provided herein, no part of this **Policy** may be waived or changed, except by written endorsement issued to form a part of this **Policy**, and signed by an authorized representative of the **Company**. Neither notice to an agent nor knowledge possessed by an agent or by any other person shall effect any waiver or change in any part of this **Policy** or estop the **Company** from asserting any right under this **Policy**.

# H. FIRM CHANGES

- The Named Insured shall immediately notify the Company if, during the Policy Period, the Named Insured has: (a) any increase or decrease by more than 25 Attorneys or by more than 50% in the total number of Attorneys listed in Item 3 of the Declarations; or (b) any acquisition, dissolution or merger by or of the Named Insured. Upon receipt of such notice, the Company reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to re-evaluate the risk insured under this Policy and to take appropriate underwriting action.
- 2. In all instances other than those described in the immediately preceding section, the **Named Insured** shall notify the **Company** within a commercially reasonable period of time if, during the **Policy Period**, the **Named Insured**



seeks to add or delete an **Attorney** to or from the list of insured **Attorneys** in Item 3 of the **Declarations**. Upon receipt of such notice, the **Company** reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to re-evaluate the risk insured under this **Policy** and to take appropriate underwriting action.

# I. ASSIGNMENT

No rights or interests hereunder of any **Insured** may be assigned.

### J. CANCELLATION OR NON-RENEWAL

- The Named Insured may cancel this Policy at any time by surrendering this Policy to the Company (or an authorized representative of the Company), or by written notice to the Company stating the date on which the Named Insured proposes that the cancellation will be effective. In the event the Named Insured cancels this Policy, the Company shall be entitled to retain the customary "short rate" portion of the premium.
- In the event the Named Insured has failed to pay when due a premium or Deductible under this Policy, or any other money owed to the Company, the Company may cancel this or any other policy by written notice of cancellation to the Named Insured. The notice shall state the date on which the cancellation will be effective, which shall be no fewer than ten (10) days following the date of the notice. Such notice shall be effective and conclusive as to all Insureds hereunder. Proof of mailing shall be sufficient proof of notice and the effective date of cancellation stated in the notice shall become the end date of the Policy Period.
- 3. For any reason other than nonpayment of premium or **Deductible** as set forth in Section 6.J.2, including but not limited to: (a) material misrepresentation; (b) substantial change in the risk assumed; or (c) substantial breach of contractual duties, conditions, statements or assurances, the **Company** may cancel this **Policy** by written notice of cancellation to the **Named Insured**. The notice shall state the date on which the cancellation will be effective, which shall be no fewer than forty-five (45) days after the date of the notice. Such notice shall be effective and conclusive as to all **Insureds** hereunder. Proof of mailing is sufficient proof of notice and the effective cancellation date stated in the notice will become the end date of the **Policy Period**.
  - In the event the **Company** cancels this **Policy** for any reason, it will compute earned premium on a *pro rata* basis. The **Company** may make any resultant premium adjustments at the time cancellation is effective, or as soon thereafter as is practicable. However, the payment or tender of unearned premium is not a condition of or a pre-requisite to cancellation of this **Policy**.
- 4. The **Company** may decline to renew this **Policy** for any reason. In the event the **Company** declines to renew this **Policy**, the **Company** shall provide the **Named Insured** with no less than sixty (60) days advance notice thereof.

### K. STATEMENTS IN DECLARATIONS AND APPLICATION

By acceptance of this **Policy**, each **Insured** agrees with, represents to and assures the **Company** that the statements, information and representations in the **Declarations**, in the application for this **Policy**, and in the applications for each prior policy issued by the **Company** to the **Insured**, are true and correct, that the **Declarations** and the application form a part of this **Policy**, and that this **Policy** is issued in reliance upon the truth of such statements, information and representations.

# L. ENTIRE CONTRACT

This **Policy**, including any signed endorsements attaching hereto, and including any current or previously submitted application documents which are incorporated herein by reference, embodies all agreements existing between the **Insured** and the **Company** relating to this insurance.

# M. NONASSESSABLE POLICY

This **Policy** is not assessable.

## N. SPECIAL LAWS

Any and all provisions of this **Policy** that are in conflict with applicable laws of the jurisdiction wherein this **Policy** is issued are hereby amended to conform to such laws.



### O. NOTICES

All notices to be delivered to the **Named Insured** under this **Policy** shall be mailed first class postage to the **Named Insured** at the address shown in Item 1 of the **Declarations**, unless the **Company** is notified in writing of a change in the mailing address of the **Named Insured**. Except for notice of a claim/potential claim, which shall be delivered to the **Company** in accordance with the NOTICE OF CLAIM paragraph set forth on page 1 of this **Policy**, all other notices to be delivered to the **Company** shall be mailed first class postage to the **Company** at the following address:

ALPS 111 N. Higgins, Ste. 600 P.O. Box 9169 Missoula, MT 59807-9169

## P. SINGULAR AND PLURAL FORM OF A WORD OR DEFINED TERM

Whenever the singular form of a word or defined term is used herein, the same shall include the plural form of the word or defined term when required by context.

# Q. NAMED INSURED REPRESENTS ALL INSUREDS

By acceptance of this **Policy**, the **Named Insured** shall be designated to act on behalf of all **Insureds** for all purposes including, but not limited to, the giving and receiving of all notices, consents, communications and correspondence, the cancellation or non-renewal of this **Policy**, the payment of any premiums and **Deductible** due hereunder and the receipt of any return premiums that may be due under this **Policy**.