



Accountants PROtectSM Professional Liability Insurance with Cyber Coverage Declarations

**NOTICE: THIS IS CLAIMS MADE AND REPORTED COVERAGE.
PLEASE READ THE POLICY CAREFULLY.**

Insurer:	Argonaut Insurance Company 225 West Washington Street 24 th Floor Chicago, IL 60606	Producer: <Name, Address and agent number>
Policy Number:		
Renewal of Policy Number:		

IN RETURN FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUM, AND SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS POLICY, WE AGREE WITH YOU TO PROVIDE THE INSURANCE AS STATED IN THIS POLICY.

ITEM 1. **NAMED INSURED** (Name and Mailing Address):

ITEM 2. **POLICY PERIOD:** (a) Inception Date: (b) Expiration Date:
Both dates at 12:01 a.m. at the Named Insured's Mailing Address shown in ITEM 1 above.

ITEM 3. **COVERED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**
<Business Description>

ITEM 4. **LIMIT OF LIABILITY AND DEDUCTIBLE: INSURING AGREEMENTS**

Limit of Liability: Each Claim	Limit of Liability: Aggregate for all Claims	Deductible: Each Claim	Deductible: Aggregate

ITEM 5. LIMITS OF LIABILITY AND DEDUCTIBLES: SUPPLEMENTAL EXPENSES

Expense Event	Limit of Liability: Each Expense Event	Limit of Liability: Aggregate	Deductible: Each Expense Event
Crisis Management Expenses			
Appearance at Proceedings			
Disciplinary Proceedings			
Subpoena Assistance			

ITEM 6. PREMIUM:

ITEM 7. EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD OPTION(S):

12 months at ____% of Full Annual Premium 24 months at ____% of Full Annual Premium
 36 months at ____% of Full Annual Premium 48 months at ____% of Full Annual Premium
 60 months at ____% of Full Annual Premium 72 months at ____% of Full Annual Premium

ITEM 8. RETROACTIVE DATE:

ITEM 9. NOTICE TO THE INSURER:

CLAIMS OR POTENTIAL CLAIMS SEND TO:	ALL OTHER NOTICES SEND TO:
ARGO PRO US Professional Liability - Claims 101 Hudson Street, Suite 1201 Jersey City, NJ 07302 [telephone number] [email address]	ARGO PRO US Professional Liability - Underwriting 101 Hudson Street, Suite 1201 Jersey City, NJ 07302 [telephone number] [email address]

ITEM 10. POLICY FORM AND ENDORSEMENTS ATTACHED AT ISSUANCE:

Please see _____ for a complete list of forms.

THESE DECLARATIONS, TOGETHER WITH THE PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY POLICY COVERAGE FORM(S) AND ANY ENDORSEMENT(S), COMPLETE THE ABOVE NUMBERED POLICY.

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Professional Liability Insurance with Cyber Coverage

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Various provisions in this policy restrict coverage. Read the entire policy carefully to determine rights, duties and what is and is not covered.

Words and phrases that appear in bold are defined and may be used in the singular or plural, as appropriate; please refer to Section III – Definitions.

In consideration of the payment of the premium, and in reliance on all statements made and information furnished to the **Insurer**, and subject to all of the terms and conditions of this policy (including all endorsements hereto), the **Insurer** agrees with the **Insured** to provide insurance as stated in this policy.

SECTION I - COVERAGES

A. Insuring Agreements:

1. Professional Liability

The **Insurer** agrees to pay on behalf of the **Insured**, **Loss** in excess of the Deductible amount and up to the Limits of Liability shown in Item 4 of the Declarations; provided that such **Loss** results from a **Claim** first made and reported in writing during the **Policy Period** or Extended Reporting Period, if applicable, arising out of a **Wrongful Act** committed before the end of the **Policy Period** and on or after the Retroactive Date, if any, shown in the Declarations.

2. Cyber Liability

The **Insurer** agrees to pay on behalf of the **Insured**, **Loss** in excess of the Deductible amount and up to the Limits of Liability shown in Item 4 of the Declarations; provided that such **Loss** results from a **Claim** first made and reported in writing during the **Policy Period** or Extended Reporting Period, if applicable, arising out of a **Privacy Breach**, **Security Event** or **Social Engineering Incident** taking place before the end of the **Policy Period** and on or after the Retroactive Date, if any, shown in Item 8 of the Declarations.

B. Insuring Agreements: Supplemental Payments

These supplemental payments will be paid up to the amount shown in Item 5 of the Declarations and in addition to the applicable Limit of Liability shown in Item 4 of the Declarations.

1. Crisis Management Expenses

The **Insurer** will reimburse the **Insureds**, in excess of the applicable Deductible shown in Item 5 of the Declarations, **Crisis Management Expenses** resulting directly from any **Wrongful Act**, **Privacy Breach**, **Security Event** or **Social Engineering Incident** that takes place during the **Policy Period**.

2. Appearance at Proceedings

The **Insurer** will pay for loss of earnings for the **Insured's** attendance, at the **Insurer's** written request, at a trial, hearing, arbitration or mediation proceeding involving a **Claim** against any **Insured**. The maximum amount the **Insurer** will pay for any one or series of trials, hearings, mediation or arbitration proceedings arising out of the same **Claim** will not exceed \$500 per individual **Insured** for each day, or part thereof.

3. Disciplinary Proceedings

- a. If, during the **Policy Period**, a **Disciplinary Proceeding** is first brought against any **Insured**, the **Insurer** will reimburse the **Insured**, for reasonable and necessary legal fees and expenses that the **Insured** incurs in the defense of such matter. Such legal fees and expenses do not include any fines, penalties or restitution paid by the **Insured** as part of or to resolve a **Disciplinary Proceeding**.
- b. The **Insurer** will have no duty to defend the **Insured** in any such **Disciplinary Proceeding**.
- c. Any notice given to the **Insurer** by any **Insured** under this subsection will be deemed notice of **Potential Claim**.

4. Subpoena Assistance

- a. If, during the **Policy Period**, an **Insured** first receives a subpoena for documents or testimony arising out of **Professional Services** performed by any **Insured**, and the **Insured** requests the **Insurer's** assistance in responding to such subpoena, the **Insurer** will reimburse the **Insured** for reasonable and necessary: legal fees and expenses incurred to provide the **Insured** advice regarding the production of documents; costs incurred by the **Insured** to produce any documents in response to the subpoena; and legal fees and expenses to prepare the **Insured** for sworn testimony and to represent the **Insured** at the **Insured's** depositions;
provided that:
 - (1) the subpoena arises out of a lawsuit to which the **Insured's** are not a party; and
 - (2) the **Insureds** have not been engaged to provide advice or testimony in connection with the lawsuit and the **Insureds** have not provided such advice or testimony in the past.
- b. The **Insurer** has no duty to defend the **Insured** in connection with any such subpoena assistance. Compliance with a subpoena will not be considered a **Claim** or **Disciplinary Proceeding** under the policy and the coverage for any Subpoena Assistance is limited to that provided under this section.
- c. Any notice given to the **Insurer** by any **Insured** under this subsection will be deemed notice of **Potential Claim**.

SECTION II – LIMITS OF LIABILITY AND DEDUCTIBLE

A. Limits of Liability: Insuring Agreement A Professional Liability and Cyber Liability

1. Limits of Liability, each **Claim** under Insuring Agreements A.1 and A.2: The most the **Insurer** will pay for any **Loss** for each **Claim** covered by this policy under Insuring Agreements A.1 and A.2 is the amount shown for Limit of Liability in Item 4 of the Declarations.
2. Limits of Liability, aggregate for all **Claims** under Insuring Agreements A.1 and A.2: The most the **Insurer** will pay for all **Loss** for all **Claims** in the Aggregate covered by this policy under Insuring Agreements A.1 and A.2 is the amounts shown in Item 4 of the Declarations.
3. **Defense Costs** are part of and not in addition to the limits of liability. Payment of **Defense Costs** by the **Insurer** will reduce, and may exhaust, the limits of liability.

B. Limits of Liability: Insuring Agreement B Supplementary Coverages

Supplemental payments under Insuring Agreement B will be paid in addition to the Each **Claim** or Aggregate Limit of Liability, as applicable, shown in Item 4 of the Declarations.

1. Limits of Liability: **Crisis Management Expenses** – The most this **Insurer** will pay for costs for **Crisis Management Expenses** covered under Insuring Agreement B.1 of this policy during the **Policy Period** from each **Wrongful Act, Privacy Breach, Security Event** or **Social Engineering**

Incident and in the Aggregate are the amounts shown for **Crisis Management Expenses** in Item 5 of the Declarations.

2. Limits of Liability: Appearance at Proceedings: The most the **Insurer** will pay for costs for each Appearance at a proceeding and in the Aggregate under Insuring Agreement B.3 during the **Policy Period** are the amounts shown in Item 5 of the Declarations.
3. Limits of Liability: Each **Disciplinary Proceeding**: The most the **Insurer** will pay for costs for each such **Disciplinary Proceeding** and the Aggregate under Insuring Agreement B.4 during the **Policy Period** are the amounts shown in Item 5 of the Declarations.
4. Limits of Liability: Subpoena Assistance: The most the **Insurer** will pay for costs for each such subpoena and in the Aggregate under Insuring Agreement B.5 of this policy are the amounts shown in Item 5 of the Declarations. The each Subpoena Limit of Liability will apply to all subpoenas issued in the same civil lawsuit.

C. Deductible

1. Regarding the coverage provided by this policy under Insuring Agreements A.1 Professional Liability and A.2, Cyber Liability, the Each Claim Deductible shown in Item 4 of the Declarations applies to each **Claim** and will be paid by the **Insured** as a condition precedent to payment of any **Loss** by the **Insurer**. The **Insured** must pay the applicable deductible for each **Claim** within 30 days of the **Insurer's** written request regardless of the number of **Claims** covered by this policy. Any Aggregate Deductible amount shown in Item 4 of the Declarations is the most the **Insured** will pay as a deductible for all **Claims** covered by this policy.
2. Regarding the coverage provided by this policy under Insuring Agreement B. Supplemental Coverages, the Each **Expense Event** Deductible shown in Item 5 of the Declarations applies respectively to each **Crisis Management Expense**, Appearance at Proceeding, **Disciplinary Proceeding** or Subpoena and will be paid by the **Insured** as a condition precedent to payment of any **Loss** by the **Insurer**. The **Insured** must pay the applicable deductible for each **Claim** within 30 days of the **Insurer's** written request regardless of the number of **Claims** covered by this policy. Any Aggregate Deductible amount shown in Item 4 of the Declarations is the most the **Insured** will pay for all **Claims** covered by this policy.
3. The **Insured's** Deductible obligation for each **Claim** will be reduced by 50%, subject to a maximum aggregate reduction of all deductibles for all **Claims** of \$25,000 if the **Insurer** agrees and the **Insured** consents to the final settlement of a **Claim** during a voluntary mediation. This reduction does not apply to any **Claim** resolved through court-mandated mediation or voluntary or involuntary arbitration.

SECTION III - DEFINITIONS

- A. **Bodily Injury** means physical injury, sickness, disease or death of any person.
- B. **Claim** means any of the following arising from a **Wrongful Act**:
 1. a written demand received by any **Insured** for monetary, non-monetary or injunctive relief, including a written demand that the **Insured** toll or waive a statute of limitations;
 2. a civil proceeding against any **Insured** commenced by the service of a complaint or similar pleading;
 3. the institution of an arbitration, mediation, or other alternate dispute resolution proceeding against any **Insured**; or
 4. as respects Insuring Agreement A.2, a **Privacy Regulatory Action** against any **Insured**.
- C. **Crisis Management Expenses** mean reasonable and necessary expenses, including legal fees, approved by the **Insurer** in its sole discretion, to engage a public relations firm after an **Insured's Wrongful Act, Privacy Breach, Security Event or Social Engineering Incident**.

D. **Defense Costs** means:

1. reasonable and necessary fees, costs and expenses charged by any lawyer consented to or designated by the **Insurer** to defend any **Insured** against a **Claim**;
2. all other reasonable and necessary fees, costs and expenses resulting from the investigation, discovery, defense, settlement or appeal of a **Claim** as authorized by the **Insurer**; and
3. the cost of a bond or appeal bond, required as a result of a **Claim**, including bonds to release attachments, but only for bond amounts not exceeding the applicable Limit of Liability; however, the **Insurer** has no obligation to apply for, guarantee or furnish any such bond.

Defense Costs do not include the remuneration, salaries, overhead, fees or expenses of either the **Insured's** or the **Insurer's** regular employees or officials or any fees or expenses incurred prior to the time that a **Claim** is first made against any **Insured** and reported to the **Insurer**. **Defense Costs** will be paid first and will reduce, and may exhaust, the Limits of Liability shown in Item 4 and 5 of the Declarations.

E. **Disciplinary Proceeding** means a proceeding before a disciplinary board or similar entity or official to determine violations of disciplinary rules or rules of professional conduct, professional misconduct or other matters relating to licensing and discipline.

F. **Expense Event** means any corporate reputation damage, appearance at a proceeding, **Disciplinary Proceeding** or subpoena that triggers coverage under Insuring Agreements B.1, B.2, B.3 or B.4.

G. **Information Custodian** means any third party that possesses **Non-public Personal Information** or **Proprietary Business Information** on behalf of the **Named Insured** and which is required to maintain the confidentiality and integrity of that information by a written contract with the **Named Insured**.

H. **Information System** means any electronic device, electronic and paper storage media, as well as any communications networks, including cloud or other multi-tenant storage models.

I. **Insured** means:

1. the **Named Insured**;
2. any past, present or future owner, principal, officer, director, partner, stockholder, shareholder, member, manager or employee of the **Named Insured** for **Professional Services** rendered on behalf of the **Named Insured**;
3. the estate, heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and legal representatives of each of the **Insureds** in the event of the **Insured's** death, incapacity, insolvency or bankruptcy, but only to the extent that such **Insured** would otherwise be provided coverage under this policy;
4. any **Insured's** legal spouse, including any natural person qualifying as a domestic partner under the provisions of any applicable state, federal or local law in the United States, but only with respect to **Loss** resulting from **Professional Services** of the **Named Insured**; or
5. any employee, intern, volunteer or independent contractor of the **Named Insured**, but only as respects **Professional Services** rendered on behalf of the **Named Insured**.

J. **Insurer** means the insurance company issuing this policy as shown in the Declarations.

K. **Loss** means a monetary judgment or settlement that an **Insured** becomes legally obligated to pay as a result of a **Claim**, including punitive or exemplary damages where insurable under applicable law.

1. **Loss** includes:

- a. **Defense Costs**; and
- b. pre and post judgment interest on the entire amount of any judgment which accrues after the entry of the judgment and before the **Insurer** has paid or tendered or deposited in the Court that part of the judgment that does not exceed the policy limit.

c. As regards the coverage provided under SECTION I – COVERAGES, Insuring Agreement A.2 Cyber Liability, **Loss** includes the following for which an **Insured** becomes legally obligated to pay as the result of a **Claim** to which this insurance applies:

(1) **Regulatory Fines And Penalties** if, and to the extent that, such amounts are insurable under the law of the jurisdiction most favorable to the insurability of such **Regulatory Fines And Penalties** provided such jurisdiction has a substantial relationship to the relevant **Insureds**, the **Insurer**, or the **Claim**; and

(2) **Regulatory Restitution**.

2. **Loss** does not include:

- a. any fines, penalties, taxes or sanctions, whether imposed by law or otherwise (except as provided above with respect to punitive or exemplary damages or **Regulatory Fines And Penalties**);
- b. the return, reduction or restitution of fees or expenses (except as provided above with respect to **Regulatory Restitution**);
- c. amounts which are uninsurable under applicable law; or
- d. the cost of complying with any injunctive, declaratory or administrative relief.

L. **Named Insured** means the person or entity designated in Item 1 of the Declarations and any **Predecessor** of such entity.

M. **Non-public Personal Information** means any of the following information, if not already publicly available:

1. social security number, driver's license or government issued identification number;
2. credit, debit, bank, credit union or brokerage account numbers, balances or account histories;
3. telephone numbers or telephone records;
4. medical records, health insurance identification numbers or other protected health information; or
5. any other non-public information that can be used to identify that individual as specified by a **Privacy Regulation**.

N. **Personal Injury Offense** means:

1. false arrest, humiliation, mental anguish, emotional distress, unlawful detention, false imprisonment, wrongful entry, eviction or other invasion of private occupancy, abusive litigation, abuse of process or malicious prosecution;
2. the publication or utterance of a libel or slander or other defamatory or disparaging material, or a publication or utterance in violation of any individual's right to privacy; or
3. misrepresentation in advertising, infringement of copyright, trademark, service mark, trade dress or trade name.

O. **Policy Period** means the period from the inception date of this policy to the expiration date of this policy, as shown in Item 2 of the Declarations, or its earlier termination date, if any.

Any extension of the **Policy Period** will not result in an increase or reinstatement of the Limit of Liability.

P. **Potential Claim** means:

1. any **Wrongful Act** which might reasonably be expected to give rise to a **Claim** against any **Insured** under the policy;
2. any breach of duty to a client or third party, which has not resulted in a **Claim** against any of the **Insureds**; or

3. receipt of notice of a **Disciplinary Proceeding**.

Q. **Predecessor** means an individual or entity engaged in **Professional Services** whose financial assets and liabilities the **Named Insured** is the majority successor in interest.

R. **Privacy Breach** means any of the following arising from a **Wrongful Act** taking place on or after the Retroactive Date, if any, shown in Item 8 of the Declarations:

1. the alleged unauthorized alteration, collection, copying, disclosure, dissemination or viewing of **Non-public Personal Information** or **Proprietary Business Information** in any form, from any source, because of an **Insured's** failure to protect such information from unauthorized access or unauthorized use;
2. the alleged accidental release or loss of **Non-public Personal Information** or **Proprietary Business Information**;
3. the alleged wrongful collection, use or sale of **Non-public Personal Information** in any form; and
4. an **Insured's** alleged failure to correct the **Non-public Personal Information** of a third party that is stored on the **Named Insured's Information System** once notified by the affected individual or that individual's legal counsel.

Privacy Breach includes the **Named Insured's** vicarious liability for the privacy breach of **Non-public Personal Information** or **Proprietary Business Information** in the care, custody and control of an **Information Custodian** to whom the **Named Insured** entrusted that information.

S. **Privacy Regulation** means any current or future statute or regulation applying to the collection, dissemination or storage of **Non-public Personal Information** promulgated by a **Privacy Regulator** including, but not limited to, state breach notice laws, HIPAA, the Hi-Tech Act, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Red Flag rules, Gramm-Leach Bliley or the European Union (EU) Data Protection Act.

T. **Privacy Regulator** means any local, state or federal government of the United States, any provincial or federal government in Canada, the European Union or a member state of the European Union.

U. **Privacy Regulatory Action** means the institution of an investigation, an administrative hearing or civil charges by a **Privacy Regulator** under a **Privacy Regulation** arising out of an actual or alleged **Privacy Breach**.

V. **Professional Services** means those services performed for others, by or on behalf of any **Insured**, whether for a fee or pro bono, as:

1. an accountant or accounting consultant;
2. an investment adviser;
3. a bookkeeper, enrolled agent or tax preparer;
4. an executor, administrator or representative of an estate or a trustee of an individual or family trust established for the sole benefit of the individual or family or a charitable remainder trust as defined under Internal Revenue Code Section 664;
5. a notary public, provided that the **Insured** witnesses and attests to the authenticity of the signature notarized by such **Insured**;
6. a member of a formal accreditation, standards review or similar professional board or committee related only to the accounting profession; or
7. an arbitrator or mediator.

W. **Property Damage** means physical injury to tangible property, including all resulting loss of use of that property.

- X. **Proprietary Business Information** means business records, customer lists, trade secrets or any other non-public information entrusted to an **Insured** under a written contract to protect its confidentiality.
- Y. **Regulatory Fines And Penalties** means those sums any **Insured** is required to pay as part of the settlement or judgment of a **Privacy Regulatory Action** to which this insurance applies.
- Z. **Regulatory Restitution** means sums deposited into a fund for the purpose of providing compensation to individuals affected by a **Privacy Breach** as part of a settlement or judgment resulting from a **Privacy Regulatory Action**.
- AA. **Security Event** means any of the following arising from a **Wrongful Act** taking place on or after the Retroactive Date, if any, shown in Item 8 of the Declarations:
1. the **Insured's** inadvertent transmission of malicious computer code to a third party;
 2. the failure to prevent the use of the **Named Insured's Information System** to harm a third party's **Information System** including the failure to prevent the use of the **Named Insured's Information System** to launch a denial of service attack;
 3. the inability of the **Named Insured** or third party to access the **Named Insured's Information System** due to the failure to prevent a denial of service attack, damage from malicious computer code, unauthorized access to or unauthorized use of the **Named Insured's Information System**; or
 4. the corruption, destruction or loss of electronic data held within the **Named Insured's Information System** as the direct result of malicious computer code, a denial of service attack or from unauthorized access to, or unauthorized use of, the **Named Insured's Information System**.
- BB. **Social Engineering Incident** means the following arising from a **Wrongful Act** taking place on or after the Retroactive Date, if any, shown in Item 8 of the Declarations:
- An **Insured** having transferred, paid or delivered funds or data as a direct result of a fraudulent written instruction, electronic instruction (including e-mail or web-based instruction) or telephone instruction which is intended to mislead an **Insured** through misrepresentation of a material fact that is relied upon in good faith by such **Insured**.
- CC. **Wrongful Act** means any actual or alleged act, error, omission or breach of duty by any **Insured** in the rendering of or failure to render **Professional Services**. **Wrongful Act** also means an actual or alleged **Personal Injury Offense** by any **Insured** in the rendering of or failure to render **Professional Services**.

SECTION IV - EXCLUSIONS

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** or **Expense Event**:

- A. arising out of a **Wrongful Act, Privacy Breach, Security Event, Social Engineering Incident** or **Expense Event** occurring prior to the **Policy Period** if, prior to the effective date of the first Accountant's Professional Liability Insurance Policy issued by the **Insurer** to the **Named Insured** and continuously renewed and maintained in effect prior to the inception of the **Policy Period**:
1. any **Insured** gave notice to any prior insurer of any such **Claim**, (including any **Potential Claim** that might lead to such **Claim**), **Wrongful Act, Privacy Breach, Security Event, Social Engineering Incident** or **Expense Event**; or
 2. any **Insured** had a reasonable basis to believe that the **Insured** had committed a **Wrongful Act**, violated a disciplinary rule, or engaged in professional misconduct.
- B. arising out of any actual or alleged intentional, criminal, dishonest, malicious or fraudulent act, error or omission by any **Insured**.

This Exclusion does not apply to:

1. a **Personal Injury Offense** that results from any **Professional Service**; or
2. any of the **Insureds**, unless such intentional, criminal, dishonest, malicious or fraudulent act, error or omission is established by a final adjudication of the **Claim** or a final adjudication in any judicial, administrative or alternative dispute resolution proceeding.

For purposes of this Exclusion, no such act of one of the **Insureds** will be imputed to any of the **Insureds** who were not aware of and did not participate in such act.

- C. arising out of **Professional Services** performed for any entity, including an entity held in a personal trust, if at the time of the act or omission giving rise to the **Claim**, any **Insured** was a director, officer or partner of, or had management responsibilities for, such entity, or the owner of more than a 15% equity interest in such entity.
- D. arising out of any actual or alleged violation or breach by any **Insured** of the responsibilities, obligations or duties imposed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), Securities Act of 1933, Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act 18 USC Sections 1961 et seq., the Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing ACT (CAN-SPAM) of 2003, the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA), or amendments thereto of any of these, or any similar provision of any federal, state or local statute, regulation, ordinance or common law.

This exclusion does not apply if any **Insured** is deemed to be a fiduciary solely by virtue of **Professional Services** performed as an accountant to the plan, including accounting, audit, attest, consulting, tax, investment advisory services or administrative services to an employee benefit plan as an independent third party consultant.

- E. arising out of **Bodily Injury or Property Damage**.

This Exclusion does not apply to the extent that any such **Bodily Injury or Property Damage** results from any **Insured's** rendering of or failure to render **Professional Services**.

- F. arising out of any actual or alleged liability assumed by any **Insured** under any written or oral contract or agreement including, without limitation, any indemnification agreement.

This Exclusion does not apply to any **Loss** the **Insured** would have in the absence of such contract or agreement and is otherwise covered under this policy.

- G. by or on behalf of any **Insured** against any other **Insured**.

- H. arising out of **Professional Services** in any **Insured's** capacity as a trustee or executor if such **Insured** is a beneficiary of the trust or estate.

- I. arising out of the sale or promotion of any investment or security, including any personal financial planning or investment advice provided in connection with such sale, but only if any **Insured** received a commission, fee or other compensation from the issuer or provider of the security or investment as a direct result of the sale.

- J. arising out of infringement of patent or misappropriation of trade secret, resulting in unfair competition or restraint of trade law, rule or regulation, unless the allegations arise entirely from the **Insured's** performance of **Professional Services** as a member of a formal accreditation, ethics, peer review, licensing board, standards review or similar professional board, committee or professional association and such services are within the scope of that committee's or board's established guidelines.

- K. arising out of an actual or alleged violation of any anti-trust or price-fixing rule or regulation.

SECTION V – EXTENDED REPORTING PERIODS

In the event this policy is cancelled or non-renewed by either the **Named Insured** or the **Insurer**, an **Insured** is entitled to the extensions of coverage shown in this Section.

A. Automatic Extended Reporting Period

An Extended Reporting Period is automatically provided to the **Named Insured** without additional charge. This period starts at the end of the **Policy Period** and lasts for 60 days, or the date another policy for professional liability insurance applicable to the **Named Insured** takes effect, whichever occurs first.

1. There will be no entitlement to this Automatic Extended Reporting Period if cancellation or non-renewal is due to any **Insured's** non-payment of premium or deductible due, or failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the policy, or if the Policy was issued based upon a misrepresentation by any **Insured**.
2. This Automatic Extended Reporting Period will be subject to all the terms and conditions of this policy and will apply to **Claims** first made against any **Insured** and reported to the **Insurer** during the Automatic Extended Reporting Period and that arise out of any **Wrongful Act** that occurred or is alleged to have occurred subsequent to the Retroactive Date, if any, and before the end of the **Policy Period**.
3. The fact that the period during which **Claims** may be reported to the **Insurer** under this policy by way of this Automatic Extended Reporting Period does not in any way increase the Limits of Insurance of this policy.
4. If any other policy of insurance in effect would apply to any **Claims** first made against the **Insured** during the Automatic Extended Reporting Period, then coverage provided under this Automatic Extended Reporting Period will apply in excess of such other insurance.

B. An Optional Extended Reporting Period is available to the **Named Insured**, but only by an endorsement and for an extra premium charge as shown in Item 7 of the Declarations.

1. The **Named Insured** must give the **Insurer** a written request for the endorsement and pay any premium due within 60 days after the end of the **Policy Period**. The Optional Extended Reporting Period will not go into effect unless the **Named Insured** pays the additional premium promptly when due.
2. The Optional Extended Reporting Period is non-cancellable and starts upon the expiration of the **Policy Period**.
3. All premiums paid for the Optional Extended Reporting Period will be deemed fully earned and non-refundable as of the first day of the Optional Extended Reporting Period.
4. There will be no entitlement to this Optional Extended Reporting Period if cancellation or non-renewal is due to any **Insured's** non-payment of premium or deductible due, or failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the policy, or if the policy was issued based on a misrepresentation by any **Insured**.
5. This Optional Extended Reporting Period will be subject to all the terms and conditions of this policy and will apply to **Claims** first made against any **Insured** and reported to the **Insurer** that result from **Loss** that arises out of a **Professional Service** performed subsequent to the policy effective date or Retroactive Date, if any, and before the end of the **Policy Period**.
6. The fact that the period during which **Claims** may be reported to the **Insurer** under this extension does not in any way increase the Limits of Insurance of this policy.

C. Nonpracticing Extended Reporting Period

If, during this **Policy Period**, any **Insured** permanently and totally retires or otherwise voluntarily ceases the practice of providing the **Professional Services** insured by this policy, and has been

insured by a Professional Liability Insurance policy issued by the **Insurer** for at least the 7 consecutive years immediately preceding, and the **Insured** is at least 55 years of age, the **Insurer** will, subject to the provisions of paragraphs A. and B. above, issue a Nonpracticing Extended Reporting Period endorsement.

1. This Nonpracticing Extended Reporting Period is provided until such **Insured** resumes the **Professional Services** insured by this policy, or until the death of such **Insured** in which case paragraph D.1 below, will apply.
2. No additional premium will be charged for this coverage, nor will any premium be refunded.

D. Death or Disability Extended Reporting Period

If during the **Policy Period**, any **Insured** dies from a cause other than suicide or becomes totally and permanently disabled, an extended reporting period is provided until the executor or administrator is discharged or until the disability ends. However, the Death or Disability Extended Reporting Period will never be longer than seven years from the date of death or disability. No additional premium will be charged for this coverage, nor will any premium be refunded.

1. In the event of death, the **Insured's** estate must, no later than 60 days after the end of this **Policy Period**, provide the **Insurer** with written notice that the extended reporting period is desired. This notice must include written proof of the date of death.
2. In the event the **Insured** becomes totally and permanently disabled, the **Insured** or the **Insured's** legal guardian must, no later than 60 days after the end of this **Policy Period**, provide the **Insurer** with written notice that the extended reporting period is desired. This notice must include written proof that the **Insured** is totally and permanently disabled, including the date the disability began, certified by the attending physician. The **Insured** agrees to submit to medical examination(s) by any physician(s) designated by the **Insurer**, if requested.

This extended reporting period is subject to the conditions set forth in paragraphs A. and B. above.

SECTION VI – GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. Defense, Settlement And Cooperation

1. The **Insurer** has the right and duty to defend any **Insured** against any **Claim**, even if the allegations of such **Claim** are groundless, false or fraudulent. The **Insurer** will designate, or, in the **Insurer's** sole discretion, approve counsel chosen by the **Insured** to defend the **Claim**. However, the **Insurer** has no duty to defend any **Insured** against any **Claim** to which this insurance does not apply.

This policy has provisions whereby the **Insurer** will pay on the **Insured's** behalf certain costs incurred as a result of defending a **Disciplinary Proceeding** or responding to a subpoena for documents or testimony; however the **Insurer** has no duty to defend the **Insured** in any such **Disciplinary Proceeding** or in connection with any such subpoena assistance as shown in SECTION I – COVERAGES, B. Supplemental Payments, item 5 of this policy.

2. The **Insurer** has the right to make any investigation the **Insurer** deems necessary and, with the **Insured's** consent, make any settlement of any **Claim** covered by the terms of this policy. If the **Insured** refuses to consent to any settlement or compromise recommended by the **Insurer** and acceptable to the claimant and the **Insured** elects to contest the **Claim** or continue legal proceedings in connection with such **Claim**, then the **Insurer's** liability under this policy will be limited to the combined total of:
 - a. the amount of such proposed settlement or compromise;
 - b. the amount of **Defense Costs** incurred prior to the date the **Insured** refused to consent to such proposed settlement or compromise; and

- c. 50% of the amount of **Loss** incurred in excess of the combined total of the amounts set forth in a. and b. of this section.
3. The **Insured** will not, except at the **Insured's** own cost, make any payment, admit any liability, settle any **Claim**, assume any obligation or incur any expense, without the **Insurer's** prior written consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.
 4. If the applicable Limit of Liability shown in Items 4 and 5 of the Declarations are exhausted by the payment of **Loss**, then all of the **Insurer's** obligations under this policy will be completely fulfilled and exhausted, and the **Insurer** will have no further obligations of any kind or nature whatsoever under this policy. If the applicable Limit of Liability shown in the Declarations is exhausted prior to settlement or judgment of any **Claim**, the **Insurer** will have the right to withdraw from further investigation or defense by tendering control of such investigation or defense to the **Insured**, and the **Insured** agrees, as a condition to the issuance of this policy, to accept such tender.
 5. The **Insured** must cooperate with the **Insurer** and assist the **Insurer** in investigating and defending any **Claim** or **Potential Claim** or investigating any event resulting in coverage under Insuring Agreement B: Supplemental Payments. Upon the **Insurer's** request, the **Insured** must submit to examination and interrogation by the **Insurer's** representatives, under oath if required, and the **Insured** must attend hearings, depositions and trials, and assist in effecting settlement, securing and giving evidence, obtaining the attendance of witnesses and in the conduct of suits and other proceedings, as well as in the giving of a written statement or statements to the **Insurer's** representatives including investigating and coverage counsel, and meeting with such representatives for the purpose of investigating and defense, including the investigation of coverage issues or defense. The **Insured** must further cooperate with the **Insurer** and do whatever is necessary to secure and effect any rights of indemnity, contribution or apportionment which the **Insured** may have.

B. Reporting And Notice

1. Reporting of **Claims**

If, during the **Policy Period** or any Extended Reporting Period, any **Claim** for a **Wrongful Act** is first made against any **Insured**, as a condition precedent to the **Insured's** right to coverage under this policy, the **Insured** must give the **Insurer** written notice of such **Claim** as soon as practicable, but in no event later than the later of 60 days after the expiration date or earlier termination date of this policy, or the expiration of any Extended Reporting Period, if applicable.

Timely and sufficient notice of a **Claim** by one of the **Insureds** will be deemed timely and sufficient notice for all of the **Insureds** involved in the **Claim**. Such notice must give full particulars of the **Claim**, including, but not limited to: a description of the **Claim** and **Wrongful Act**; the identity of the **Insured** and all potential claimants involved; a description of the injury or damages that resulted from such **Wrongful Act**; information on the time, place and nature of the **Wrongful Act**; and the manner in which the **Insured** first became aware of the **Claim**.

2. Reporting of **Potential Claims**

If, during the **Policy Period**, any **Insured** first becomes aware of any **Potential Claim**, the **Insured** will give the **Insurer** written notice of such **Potential Claim** with full particulars as soon as practicable thereafter, but in any event before the end of the **Policy Period**. If such **Potential Claim** later becomes a **Claim** not otherwise excluded by this policy, such **Claim** will be treated as if the **Claim** had been first made during the **Policy Period**. Full particulars include, but are not limited to: a description of the **Potential Claim**; the identity of the **Insured** and all potential claimants involved; information on the time, place and nature of the **Potential Claim**; the manner in which the **Insured** first became aware of such **Potential Claim**; and the reasons the **Insured** believe the **Potential Claim** is likely to result in a **Claim**.

3. Notice regarding **Crisis Management Expenses**

If, during the **Policy Period** a **Wrongful Act, Privacy Breach, Security Event** or **Social Engineering Incident** occurs then as a condition precedent to the **Insured's** right to coverage for **Crisis Management Expenses** under this policy, the **Insured** must give the **Insurer** written notice of such **Privacy Breach** or **Security Event** as soon as practicable, but in no event later than the expiration date or earlier termination date of this policy.

Such notice must give full particulars of the **Wrongful Act, Privacy Breach, Security Event** or **Social Engineering Incident**, including, but not limited to: a description of the **Wrongful Act, Privacy Breach, Security Event** or **Social Engineering Incident**; the identity of the **Insured** and all potential claimants involved; and the manner in which the **Insured** first became aware of such **Wrongful Act, Privacy Breach, Security Event** or **Social Engineering Incident**.

4. Notice of **Disciplinary Proceedings** and Subpoenas

If, during the **Policy Period**:

- a. a **Disciplinary Proceeding** is first initiated against any **Insured** and covered by SECTION I – COVERAGES, B. Supplemental Payments, 3. Disciplinary Proceedings; or,
- b. any **Insured** first receives a subpoena covered by SECTION I – COVERAGES, B. Supplemental Payments, 4. Subpoena Assistance;

then as a condition precedent to the **Insured's** right to coverage under this policy, the **Insured** must give the **Insurer** written notice of such **Disciplinary Proceeding** or subpoena as soon as practicable, but in no event later than the end of the **Policy Period**.

Such notice must give full particulars of the **Disciplinary Proceeding** or subpoena, including, but not limited to: a description of the **Disciplinary Proceeding** or subpoena; the identity of the **Insured** and all potential claimants involved; and the manner in which the **Insured** first became aware of such **Disciplinary Proceeding** or subpoena.

5. Notices

All written notices required herein must be sent to the **Insurer** at the **Insurer's** physical address or e-mail address shown in Item 9 of the Declarations.

C. Multiple Wrongful Acts, **Claims** or Claimants

Two or more **Claims** arising out of a single **Wrongful Act**, or any series of related **Wrongful Acts**, will be considered a single **Claim**. Each **Wrongful Act**, in a series of related **Wrongful Acts**, will be deemed to have occurred on the date of the first such **Wrongful Act**.

D. Organizational Changes

1. If, during the **Policy Period**:

- a. the **Named Insured** is merged with, consolidated into or acquired by or with another entity such that the **Named Insured** is not the surviving entity; or
- b. a receiver, conservator, trustee, liquidator or rehabilitator, or any similar official is appointed for or with respect to the **Named Insured**; then

coverage under this policy will continue in full force and effect with respect to **Professional Services** rendered before such event, but coverage will cease with respect to **Professional Services** committed after such event. After any such event, this policy may not be canceled by the **Named Insured** and the entire premium for this policy will be deemed fully earned.

2. If, during the **Policy Period**, the **Named Insured** merges, consolidates or acquires an entity whose gross revenues for the prior year are equal to or greater than 50% of the annual gross revenues of the **Named Insured** as reflected in the **Named Insured's** most recent consolidated financial statement prior to such merger, consolidation or acquisition, then no coverage will be afforded under this policy for any **Claim** involving such assets or entity unless the following conditions are met:

- a. the **Named Insured** provides written notice of such merger, consolidation creation, or acquisition to the **Insurer** within 60 days after the effective date of such merger, consolidation, creation or acquisition, or by the end of the **Policy Period**, whichever is earliest;
- b. the **Named Insured** provides the **Insurer** with such information as the **Insurer** may deem necessary;
- c. the **Named Insured** accepts any special terms, conditions, exclusions or additional premium charge as may be required; and
- d. the **Insurer**, at the **Insurer's** sole discretion, agrees to provide such coverage.

E. Other Insurance

This insurance will apply only as excess of the applicable Deductible amount shown in Items 4 and 5 of the Declarations and the amount of any other valid and collectible insurance available to any **Insured** whether such other insurance is stated to be primary, pro rata, contributory, excess, contingent or otherwise, unless such other insurance is specifically written as excess insurance over the Limits of Liability provided in this policy.

F. Cancellation and Non-Renewal

1. Cancellation

- a. The **Named Insured** may cancel this policy by mailing or delivering advance written notice to the **Insurer** at the **Insurer's** address shown in Item 9 of the Declarations, stating when cancellation will be effective. If the **Insured** cancels this policy, the **Insurer** will retain the customary short rate portion of the premium.
- b. The **Insurer** may cancel this policy by mailing written notice to the first **Named Insured** shown in Item 1 of the Declarations stating when, not less than 30 days thereafter (or such longer period of time as required by applicable law), such cancellation will be effective.
- c. However, if the **Insurer** cancels this policy because the **Named Insured** has failed to pay a premium or Deductible when due, the **Insurer** may cancel this policy by mailing written notice of cancellation to the first **Named Insured** shown in Item 1 of the Declarations stating when, not less than 10 days thereafter (or such longer period of time as required by applicable law), such cancellation will be effective. Such notice will apply to all of the **Insureds**. If cancelled by the **Insurer**, earned premium will be computed pro rata.

2. Non-renewal

If the **Insurer** elects not to renew this policy, the **Insurer** will mail to the first **Named Insured** shown in Item 1 of the Declarations written notice of non-renewal at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of this policy. If the notice is not given at least 60 days prior to the expiration date, the policy will continue in force until 60 days after the notice of intent not to renew is received by the **Insured**.

Notice of non-renewal will not be required if the **Named Insured** has obtained replacement coverage or have requested or agreed to non-renewal.

G. Subrogation

In the event of any payment under this policy, the **Insurer** will be subrogated to all the **Insured's** rights of recovery against any person or organization; provided that the **Insurer** will not exercise any rights of subrogation against any of the **Insureds** who did not commit the wrongdoing.

The **Insured** will execute and deliver instruments, papers, and do whatever else is necessary to secure such rights, and do nothing to prejudice such rights.

Any amount recovered upon the exercise of such rights of subrogation will be applied as follows: first, to the repayment of expenses incurred in recovery by exercise of such subrogation rights; second, to **Loss** paid by the **Insured** in excess of the limits of liability; third, to **Loss** paid by the **Insurer**; fourth,

to **Loss** paid by the **Insured** in excess of the deductible amount; and last, to the repayment of any deductible amount paid by the **Insured**.

Notwithstanding the above, the **Insurer** hereby waives such subrogation rights against any **Insured** under this policy, and also against any client of the **Insured**, to the extent that the **Insured** had, prior to any **Claim** or circumstance that might reasonably be expected to be the basis of a **Claim**, a written agreement to waive such rights, provided that prior to such writing no **Insured** had a basis to believe that any matter asserted in such **Claim** or circumstance might reasonably be expected to be the basis of a **Claim**. In no event will the **Named Insured** waive any of its rights of subrogation after it has become aware of any **Claim**, or any circumstances that may give rise to a **Claim**, against any **Insured**.

H. Bankruptcy or Insolvency

Bankruptcy or insolvency of any **Insured** or of any **Insured's** estate will not relieve the **Insurer** of any of the **Insurer's** obligations or deprive the **Insurer** of any of the **Insurer's** rights under this policy.

I. Policy Territory

This policy applies to **Wrongful Acts** occurring anywhere in the world where legally permissible; however, no coverage will be available under this policy for any **Claim** brought, or occurring in any country with which the United States of America does not have active diplomatic relations at the time such **Claim** is made.

All premiums, Limits of Liability, deductibles and other amounts under this policy are expressed and payable in the currency of the United States of America. If judgment is rendered, settlement is denominated or another element of **Loss** under this policy is stated in a currency other than United States Dollars, payment under this policy will be made in United States Dollars at the rate of exchange on the date the final judgment is reached, the amount of the settlement is agreed upon or the other element of **Loss** is due, respectively.

J. Assignment

Neither this policy nor any **Insured's** interest in this policy may be assigned without the **Insurer's** written consent.

K. Liberalization

If the **Insurer** adopts any revision to this form that would broaden coverage under this policy 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 any **Insured** prior to the effective date of such revision.

L. Policy Changes

Notice to or knowledge possessed by any broker or other person acting on the **Insured's** behalf will not effect a waiver or change in any part of this policy or prevent or estop the **Insurer** from asserting any right(s) under this policy. This policy can only be altered, waived or changed by written endorsement or agreed to in writing by an authorized representative of the **Insurer**.

M. Action Against the **Insurer**

No action can be brought against the **Insurer** unless, as a condition precedent, the **Insured** has fully complied with all the terms and conditions of this policy. Nothing contained in this policy gives any person or organization the right to join the **Insurer** as a party to any **Claim** to determine the **Insured's** liability.

N. Waiver

The **Insurer's** failure to insist on strict compliance with any of the terms or conditions of this policy or the failure to exercise any right or privilege will not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach or a waiver of any other terms, conditions, privileges or rights.

O. Representations

By accepting this policy, all **Insureds** agree that all statements made and information furnished to the **Insurer** are true, accurate and complete, and that this policy has been issued in reliance upon the truth and accuracy of those representations, subject to all of the terms and conditions of this policy.

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