

# CHUBB PRO LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

In consideration of payment of the premium and subject to the Declarations, limitations, conditions, provisions and other terms of this Policy, the Company and the **Insured** agree as follows:

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## I. INSURING CLAUSE

The Company shall pay **Loss** on behalf of an **Insured** on account of any **Claim** first made against such **Insured** during the **Policy Period** or, if exercised, during the Extended Reporting Period, for a **Wrongful Act** committed by the **Insured** before or during the **Policy Period**.

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## II. DEFINITIONS

**Application** means all signed applications, including attachments and other materials submitted therewith or referenced or incorporated therein, submitted by or on behalf of the **Insured** to the Company for this Policy or for any policy of which this Policy is a direct or indirect renewal or replacement. All such applications, attachments and materials are deemed attached to, incorporated into and made a part of this Policy.

**Claim** means:

- (1) any of the following:
  - (a) a written demand or written request for monetary damages or non-monetary relief;
  - (b) a written demand for arbitration;
  - (c) a civil proceeding commenced by the service of a complaint or similar pleading; or
  - (d) a formal civil administrative or civil regulatory proceeding (including a disciplinary or grievance proceeding before a court or bar association) commenced by the filing of a notice of charges or similar document or by the entry of a formal order of investigation or similar document,  
  
against an **Insured** for a **Wrongful Act**, including any appeal therefrom; or
- (2) a written request received by an **Insured** to toll or waive a statute of limitations relating to a potential **Claim** described in paragraph (1) above.

Except as may otherwise be provided in Section X. Reporting, a **Claim** will be deemed to have been first made when such **Claim** is commenced as set forth in this definition (or, in the case of a written demand or written request, including but not limited to a demand for arbitration, when such demand or request is first received by an **Insured**).

**Controlled Enterprise** means any business enterprise (other than an **Insured** or a business enterprise in which the ownership, control, operation or management by the **Insured** is exclusively in a fiduciary capacity as an administrator, conservator, executor, trustee, guardian, receiver or committee or in any similar fiduciary capacity incidental to the practice of law by an **Insured**) if at the time the **Wrongful Act** occurs:

- (1) such business enterprise is a publicly traded entity and five percent (5%) or more of its issued and outstanding securities or voting rights to elect or appoint a board of directors or an equivalent governing body is owned or controlled, individually or collectively, by the **Firm** or by one or more **Insured Persons**;

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- (2) such business enterprise is not a publicly traded entity and twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the legal and/or equitable ownership of such enterprise is owned or controlled, individually or collectively, by the **Firm** or by one or more **Insured Persons**; or
- (3) such business enterprise is controlled, operated or managed by the **Firm** or by one or more **Insured Persons**.

**Defense Costs** means that part of **Loss** consisting of reasonable costs, charges, fees (including attorneys' fees and experts' fees) and expenses (other than regular or overtime wages, salaries, fees, overhead or benefits of any **Insured**) incurred in defending any **Claim** and the premium for appeal, attachment or similar bonds; provided that the Company will have no obligation to procure or provide any bonds.

**Domestic Partner** means any natural person qualifying as a domestic partner under the provisions of any applicable federal, state or local law or under the provisions of any formal program established by the **Firm**.

**Financial Impairment** means the status of a **Firm** resulting from:

- (1) the appointment by any state or federal official, agency or court of any receiver, conservator, liquidator, trustee, rehabilitator or similar official to take control of, supervise, manage or liquidate the **Firm**; or
- (2) the **Firm** becoming a debtor in possession under the United States bankruptcy law or the equivalent of a debtor in possession under the law of any other country.

**Firm** means the organization(s) engaged in the practice of law under the name(s) set forth in ITEM 1 of the Declarations, whether as a partnership, professional corporation or association, limited liability partnership, limited liability company or otherwise, and any predecessor firm(s) designated in ITEM 2 of the Declarations.

**Insured** means the **Firm** and any **Insured Person**.

**Insured Person** means any natural person or entity:

- (1) who was, now is or shall become a partner, principal, director, officer, shareholder or member of the **Firm**;
- (2) who was, now is or shall become designated (as evidenced in the **Firm's** records) as "counsel" or "of counsel" by the **Firm**; or
- (3) whose labor or service is engaged by and directed by the **Firm** to perform **Professional Services**, including full time, part-time, seasonal, contracted, leased and temporary employees, or volunteers,

but only while acting in his, her or its capacity as such.

**Intra Firm Representation** means **Professional Services** provided with the prior written consent of the **Firm** by an **Insured Person** to any other:

- (1) **Insured Person** or his or her estate in connection with estate planning matters, estate administration, trust administration or probate proceedings; or
- (2) **Insured Person** in connection with house or apartment closings, personal bankruptcies, incorporation of family businesses or personal injury litigation.

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**Loss** means the amount that an **Insured** becomes legally obligated to pay as a result of any covered **Claim**, including but not limited to damages (including punitive or exemplary damages if and to the extent that such punitive or exemplary damages are insurable under the law of the jurisdiction most favorable to the insurability of such damages, provided such jurisdiction has a substantial relationship to the relevant **Insured**, to the Company, or to the **Claim** giving rise to the damages), judgments, settlements, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and **Defense Costs**. **Loss** does not include:

- (1) any costs incurred by an **Insured** to comply with any order for injunctive or other non-monetary relief, or to comply with an agreement to provide such relief;
- (2) any amount incurred by an **Insured** in the defense or investigation of any action, proceeding, demand or request that is not then a **Claim** even if such matter subsequently gives rise to a **Claim**;
- (3) taxes, fines, penalties (except as provided above with respect to punitive or exemplary damages), liquidated damages or the multiple portion of any multiplied damage award;
- (4) the cost of correcting, re-performing or completing any **Professional Services** or any amount which constitutes restitution, reduction, disgorgement, or set off or return of any fees or expenses paid to or charged by an **Insured** for **Professional Services**; or
- (5) any amount not insurable under the law pursuant to which this Policy is construed.

**Personal Injury** means libel, slander, disparagement, violation of rights of privacy, false arrest, detention or imprisonment, wrongful entry or eviction, malicious prosecution or abuse of process.

**Policy Period** means the period of time set forth in ITEM 3 of the Declarations, subject to any prior termination in accordance with Section XX. Termination of Policy.

**Pollutants** means any substance located anywhere in the world exhibiting any hazardous characteristics as defined by, or identified on a list of hazardous substances issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or any state, county, municipality or locality counterpart thereof. Such substances shall include, without limitation, solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal irritants, contaminants, smoke, vapor, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals or waste materials. **Pollutants** shall also include any air emission, odor, wastewater, oil or oil products, infectious or medical waste, asbestos or asbestos products and any noise.

**Pollution** means the actual, alleged or threatened exposure to, or generation, storage, transportation, discharge, emission, release, dispersal, escape, treatment, removal or disposal of **Pollutants** or any request, demand, order or regulatory or statutory requirement that any **Insured** or others test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize, or in any way respond to, or assess the effects of any **Pollutants**, or any voluntary decision to do so.

**Professional Services** means services provided to others by an **Insured** as:

- (1) an attorney or notary public;
- (2) an administrator, conservator, executor, trustee, guardian, escrow agent, receiver or committee or in any similar fiduciary capacity incidental to the practice of law by the **Firm**;
- (3) an arbitrator or mediator;
- (4) a member, director or officer of any non-profit professional legal association, its governing board, or any of its committees;
- (5) a government affairs advisor or lobbyist;

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- (6) a title insurance agent pursuant to a written agency agreement with a licensed title insurance company, but only when acting in such capacity for real estate transactions for which an **Insured** has provided services as an attorney; or
- (7) a paralegal or legal assistant, solely in connection with the performance of **Professional Services** by an **Insured**,

but only if such services are performed in the name of or on behalf of the **Firm** and some or all of the fee, if any, accruing from such services (regardless of whether such fee is actually collected) inures to the benefit of the **Firm**. **Professional Services** shall not include the provision of any financial or investment advice.

**Related Claims** means all **Claims** based upon, arising from, or in consequence of the same or related facts, circumstances, situations, transactions or events or the same or related series of facts, circumstances, situations, transactions or events.

**Wrongful Act** means any actual or alleged act, error or omission committed, attempted, or allegedly committed or attempted, solely in the performance of or failure to perform **Professional Services** by the **Firm** or by an **Insured Person** acting in his or her capacity as such on behalf of the **Firm**.

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### III. EXCLUSIONS

- (A) The Company shall not be liable for **Loss** on account of any **Claim**:
  - (1) based upon, arising from, or in consequence of any fact, circumstance, situation, transaction, event or **Wrongful Act** that was the subject of any notice given under any policy of which this Policy is a direct or indirect renewal or replacement;
  - (2) based upon, arising from or in consequence of any fact, circumstance, situation, transaction, event or **Wrongful Act** occurring prior to the inception date of the first lawyers professional liability policy issued to the **Firm** by the Company which, prior to such inception date, any **Insured** knew or should have known might give rise to a **Claim**;
  - (3) based upon, arising from, or in consequence of any demand, suit or other proceeding pending against, or order, decree or judgment entered for or against any **Insured**, on or prior to the Pending or Prior Date set forth in ITEM 7 of the Declarations, or the same or substantially the same fact, circumstance, situation, transaction, event or **Wrongful Act** underlying or alleged therein;
  - (4) based upon, arising from, or in consequence of **Pollution**; provided that this exclusion shall only apply where the **Insured** is an actual or alleged owner, lessee or operator of the property in question;
  - (5) for bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress (except mental anguish and emotional distress resulting from **Personal Injury**), sickness, disease or death of any person or damage to, destruction of or loss of use of any property (including software, data or other information that is in electronic form), whether or not it is damaged or destroyed; provided that this Exclusion shall not apply to any **Claim** directly arising out of **Professional Services** performed as a guardian, conservator or committee of any person or property;
  - (6) for any actual or alleged violation by an **Insured** of the responsibilities, obligations or duties imposed on fiduciaries by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, or any amendments thereto, or any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder, or any similar provisions of any federal, state, or local statutory law or common law anywhere in the world;

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- (7) by or on behalf of, in the name or right of, or based upon, arising from or in consequence of any **Wrongful Act** on the part of any **Insured** in connection with any **Controlled Enterprise**;
  - (8) based upon, arising from, or in consequence of the service of any **Insured Person** in his or her capacity as a partner, member, principal, director, officer, shareholder, counsel, of counsel, or employee of any entity other than the **Firm**; provided that this Exclusion shall not apply where the **Insured Person** is acting in his or her capacity as a member, director or officer of any non-profit professional legal association, its governing board, or any of its committees with the consent of the **Firm**;
  - (9) brought or maintained by or on behalf of any **Insured** in any capacity, other than as a client in connection with **Intra Firm Representation**;
  - (10) for any actual or alleged infringement of any certification mark, copyright, patent or trademark (including collective or service marks), trade secret, trade name, trade dress, misappropriation of ideas or other intellectual property by an **Insured**; or
  - (11) based upon, arising from, or in consequence of **Professional Services** performed as a title insurance agent where there allegedly exists:
    - (a) any defect in title of which any **Insured** had actual knowledge as of the date the title insurance policy was issued by or through any **Insured**; or
    - (b) any actual or alleged breach of underwriting authority by an **Insured**.
- (B) The Company shall not be liable for **Loss** on account of any **Claim** against an **Insured**:
- (1) based upon, arising from or in consequence of such **Insured** having gained in fact any profit, remuneration or advantage to which such **Insured** was not legally entitled; or
  - (2) based upon, arising from or in consequence of any deliberately fraudulent or dishonest act or omission or any willful violation of any statute or regulation by such **Insured**, or any libel or slander committed by such **Insured** with knowledge of its falsity,
- as evidenced by (i) any written statement or written document by any **Insured** or (ii) any judgment or ruling in any judicial, administrative or alternative dispute resolution proceeding.

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#### IV. SPOUSES, ESTATES AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES

Coverage shall extend to **Claims** for the **Wrongful Acts** of an **Insured Person** made against:

- (a) the lawful spouse or **Domestic Partner** of such **Insured Person**, if named as a co-defendant with such **Insured Person** solely by reason of such person's status as a spouse or **Domestic Partner**, or such spouse or **Domestic Partner's** ownership interest in property that is sought by a claimant as recovery for an alleged **Wrongful Act** of such **Insured Person**; and
- (b) the estate, heirs, legal representatives or assigns of such **Insured Person** if such **Insured Person** is deceased or the legal representatives or assigns of such **Insured Person** if such **Insured Person** is incompetent, insolvent or bankrupt.

All terms and conditions of this Policy including, without limitation, the Retention Amount applicable to **Loss** incurred by the **Insured Person**, shall also apply to **Loss** incurred by the **Insured Person's** spouse, **Domestic Partner**, estate, heirs, legal representatives or assigns. The coverage provided by this Section IV. shall not apply with respect to any loss arising from an act or omission by an **Insured Person's** estate, heirs, legal representatives, assigns, spouse or **Domestic Partner**.

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## V. OTHER INSURANCE

This Policy shall be specifically excess over, and shall not contribute with, any other valid and collectible insurance, whether such other insurance is stated to be primary, contributory, excess (except insurance specifically in excess of this Policy), contingent or otherwise. This Policy will not be subject to the terms of any other insurance.

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## VI. TERRITORY

Coverage shall extend anywhere in the world.

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## VII. EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD

- (A) If the Company or the **Firm** terminates or does not renew this Policy, other than termination by the Company for nonpayment of premium, then the **Firm** shall have the right to purchase an Extended Reporting Period for either the twelve (12) month period, twenty-four (24) month period or thirty-six (36) month period beginning on the effective date of the termination or non-renewal of this Policy. This right to purchase an Extended Reporting Period shall lapse unless written notice of election to purchase the Extended Reporting Period, together with payment of the additional premium due, as set forth in ITEM 6 of the Declarations, is received by the Company within thirty (30) days following effective date of the termination or non-renewal of this Policy. The **Firm** may not change the option selected once that selection has been made.
- (B) If the Extended Reporting Period is purchased, then coverage otherwise afforded by this Policy will be extended to apply to **Loss** from **Claims** first made during such Extended Reporting Period and reported in accordance with Section X. Reporting, but only for **Wrongful Acts** committed or allegedly committed before the effective date of termination or nonrenewal or the date of any event described in Section XIII(B) Changes in Exposure, whichever is earlier. The entire additional premium for the Extended Reporting Period shall be deemed fully earned at the inception of such Extended Reporting Period. Any **Claim** made during the Extended Reporting Period shall be deemed to have been made during the immediately preceding **Policy Period**. The Limit of Liability for the Extended Reporting Period shall be part of and not in addition to the applicable Limits of Liability for the immediately preceding **Policy Period**.

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## VIII. LIMIT OF LIABILITY

- (A) The Company's maximum liability for all **Loss** from each **Claim** first made during the **Policy Period** shall not exceed the each **Claim** Limit of Liability set forth in ITEM 4(A) of the Declarations, which amount shall be part of and not in addition to the amounts stated in ITEMS 4(B) and 4(C) of the Declarations.
- (B) The Company's maximum aggregate liability for all disciplinary and grievance proceedings against all **Insureds** shall not exceed the disciplinary and grievance proceedings Limit of Liability set forth in ITEM 4(B) of the Declarations, which amount shall be part of and not in addition to the amount stated in ITEM 4(C) of the Declarations.
- (C) The Company's maximum aggregate liability for all **Loss** from all **Claims** first made during the **Policy Period** shall not exceed the aggregate limit of liability set forth in ITEM 4(C) of the Declarations, regardless of the number of **Claims**.

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- (D) **Defense Costs** are part of and not in addition to the Limits of Liability set forth in ITEM 4 of the Declarations, and payment by the Company of **Defense Costs** shall reduce and may exhaust such Limits of Liability.
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## IX. RETENTION AMOUNT

The Company's liability under this Policy shall apply only to that part of covered **Loss** on account of each **Claim** (other than a disciplinary or grievance proceeding) which is excess of the applicable Retention Amount set forth in ITEM 5 of the Declarations. Such Retention Amount shall be depleted only by **Loss** otherwise covered under this Policy and shall be borne by the **Insured** uninsured and at their own risk. In the event that any **Insured Person** is unwilling or unable to bear the Retention Amount it shall be the obligation of the **Firm** to bear such Retention Amount uninsured and at its own risk. No Retention Amount shall be applicable to a disciplinary or grievance proceeding.

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## X. REPORTING

### (A) Reporting of Claims and Wrongful Acts:

- (1) If a **Claim** is made against any **Insured**, the **Insured** shall, as a condition precedent to exercising any right to coverage under this Policy, give to the Company written notice of such **Claim** as soon as practicable, but in no event later than the earliest of the following dates:
- (a) if this Policy is either terminated or not renewed by the **Firm**, and if no Extended Reporting Period is purchased, thirty (30) days after the effective date of such expiration or termination;
- (b) if the Extended Reporting Period is purchased, the expiration date of the Extended Reporting Period; or
- (c) if the Company sends written notice to the **Firm** pursuant to Section XX(A)(3) Termination of Policy, prior to the effective date of such termination.
- (2) If during the **Policy Period** an **Insured** becomes aware of a **Wrongful Act** which may subsequently give rise to a **Claim**, and during the **Policy Period** the **Insured**:
- (a) gives the Company written notice of such **Wrongful Act**, including a description of the **Wrongful Act** in question, the identities of the potential claimants, the consequences that have resulted or may result from the **Wrongful Act**, the damages that may result from the **Wrongful Act** and the circumstances by which the **Insured** first became aware of the **Wrongful Act**; and
- (b) requests coverage under this Policy for any **Claim** subsequently arising from such **Wrongful Act**,
- then the Company will treat any such subsequently resulting **Claim** as if it had been made against the **Insured** during the **Policy Period**; provided that written notice of such **Claim** is then given to the Company in accordance with paragraph (A)(1) of this Section X.
- (3) All notices of **Claims** and **Wrongful Acts** required under this Section X must be sent in writing to the address set forth in Section XI Notice.

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(B) **Interrelationship of Claims:**

All **Related Claims** will be treated as a single **Claim** made at the time the first of such **Related Claims** was made, or when the first of such **Related Claims** is treated as having been made in accordance with Section X(A)(2), whichever is earlier.

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## XI. NOTICE

- (A) All notices to the Company under this Policy of **Claims** or **Wrongful Acts** which could give rise to a **Claim** shall be given in writing addressed to:

Attn: Claims Department  
Chubb Group of Insurance Companies  
82 Hopmeadow St.  
Simsbury, CT 06070-7683

- (B) All other notices to the Company under this Policy shall be given in writing addressed to:

Attn: Underwriting  
Chubb Group of Insurance Companies  
3 Mountain View Road  
Warren, New Jersey 07059

- (C) Any notice given under XI(A) or XI(B) above shall be effective on the date of receipt by the Company at the address shown.
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## XII. DEFENSE AND SETTLEMENT

- (A) It shall be the duty of the **Insured** and not the duty of the Company to defend **Claims** made against the **Insured** and to retain qualified counsel of its own choosing with the Company's prior written consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.
- (B) With respect to any **Claim** that appears reasonably likely to be covered in whole or in part under this Policy, the Company shall have the right and shall be given the opportunity to effectively associate with the **Insured**, and shall be consulted in advance by the **Insured** regarding the investigation, defense and settlement of such **Claim**, including but not limited to selecting appropriate defense counsel and negotiating any settlement. It shall not be unreasonable for the Company to withhold its consent to the representation of any **Insured** by another **Insured** or, if more than one **Insured** is involved in a **Claim**, to withhold its consent to separate counsel for one or more of such **Insureds**, unless there is a material actual or potential conflict of interest among such **Insureds**.
- (C) No **Insured** shall settle or offer to settle any **Claim**, incur any **Defense Costs**, or otherwise assume any contractual obligation or admit any liability with respect to any **Claim** without the Company's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Company shall not be liable for any settlement, **Defense Costs**, assumed obligation or admission to which it has not given its prior written consent.
- (D) If any **Insured** withholds consent to any settlement acceptable to the claimant in accordance with the Company's recommendation (a "Proposed Settlement"), then the Company's liability for all **Loss**, including **Defense Costs**, from such **Claim** shall not exceed the amount of the Proposed



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Settlement plus **Defense Costs** incurred up to the date of the **Insured's** refusal to consent to the Proposed Settlement of such **Claim**.

- (E) The Company shall have no obligation to pay **Loss**, including **Defense Costs**, or to defend or continue to defend any **Claim**, after the Company's applicable Limit of Liability with respect to such **Claim** has been exhausted by the payment of **Loss**. If the Company's Limit of Liability is exhausted by the payment of **Loss** prior to the expiration of this Policy, the Policy premium will be deemed fully earned.

The **Insured** agrees to provide the Company with all information, assistance and cooperation which the Company may reasonably require and agree they will do nothing that may prejudice the Company's position or its potential or actual rights of recovery.

The Company shall, upon written request, advance on a current basis **Defense Costs** owed under this Policy. As a condition of any payment of **Defense Costs** before the final disposition of a **Claim**, the Company may require a written undertaking on terms and conditions satisfactory to it guaranteeing the repayment of any **Defense Costs** paid on behalf of any **Insured** if it is finally determined that this Policy would not cover **Loss** incurred by such **Insured** in connection with such **Claim**.

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### XIII. CHANGES IN EXPOSURE

- (A) Acquisition of Additional Attorneys

If, during the **Policy Period**, the total number of attorneys in the **Firm** increases by more than five percent (5%) as the result of the **Firm's** merger with or acquisition of any other law firm or any group of attorneys who practices together at another law firm, the **Firm** must promptly give the Company written notice thereof, and the Company will be entitled to impose such additional coverage terms and charge such additional premium in connection therewith as the Company, in its sole discretion, may require. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, coverage shall only be provided for such acquired attorneys with respect to **Wrongful Acts** committed or allegedly committed after the date of such merger or acquisition.

- (B) Conversion of Coverage under Certain Circumstances

If, during the **Policy Period**:

- (1) all or substantially all of the **Firm's** assets are acquired by another organization or person or group of organizations or persons acting in concert;
- (2) **Financial Impairment** occurs; or
- (3) the **Firm** merges or consolidates into or with another entity such that the **Firm** is not the surviving entity,

then coverage provided by this Policy shall continue until termination, but only with respect to **Claims** for **Wrongful Acts** committed or allegedly committed prior to such event.

The **Firm** shall give written notice of all events under this Section XIII to the Company as soon as practicable together with such other information as the Company may request. If **Financial Impairment** occurs, the entire premium for this Policy will be deemed fully earned as of the effective date of such **Financial Impairment**.

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**XIV. REPRESENTATIONS AND SEVERABILITY**

In issuing this Policy the Company has relied upon the statements, representations and information in the **Application**. All of the **Insureds** acknowledge and agree that all such statements, representations and information (i) are true and accurate, (ii) were made or provided in order to induce the Company to issue this Policy, and (iii) are material to the Company's acceptance of the risk to which this Policy applies.

In the event that any of the statements, representations or information in the **Application** are not true and accurate, this Policy shall be void with respect to any **Insured** who knew as of the effective date of the **Application** the facts that were not truthfully and accurately disclosed (whether or not the **Insured** knew of such untruthful disclosure in the **Application**) or to whom knowledge of such facts is imputed. For purposes of the preceding sentence:

- (A) the knowledge of any **Insured Person** who is a past, present or future member of the management committee, executive committee or similar governing body of the **Firm** shall be imputed to the **Firm**;
- (B) the knowledge of the person(s) who signed the **Application** for this Policy shall be imputed to all of the **Insureds**; and
- (C) except as provided in (A) above, the knowledge of an **Insured Person** who did not sign the **Application** shall not be imputed to any other **Insured**.

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**XV. VALUATION AND FOREIGN CURRENCY**

All premiums, limits, Retention Amounts, **Loss** and other amounts under this Policy are expressed and payable in the currency of the United States of America. If a judgment is rendered, a settlement is denominated or any element of **Loss** under this Policy is stated in a currency other than United States of America dollars, payment under this Policy shall be made in United States of America dollars at the rate of exchange published in The Wall Street Journal on the date the final judgment is reached, the amount of the settlement is agreed upon or the element of **Loss** is due, respectively.

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**XVI. SUBROGATION**

In the event of any payment under this Policy, the Company shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all the **Insured's** rights of recovery therefor, and the **Insured** shall execute all papers required and shall do everything necessary to secure and preserve such rights, including the execution of such documents necessary to enable the Company effectively to bring suit or otherwise pursue subrogation rights in the name of any **Insured**.

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**XVII. ACTION AGAINST THE COMPANY**

No action may be taken against the Company unless, as a condition precedent thereto, there shall have been full compliance with all the terms of this Policy. No person or entity shall have any right under this Policy to join the Company as a party to any action against any **Insured** to determine such **Insured's** liability nor shall the Company be impleaded by such **Insured** or legal representatives of such **Insured**.

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## XVIII. FIRM RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

By acceptance of this Policy, the **Firm** acknowledges and agrees that it shall be considered the sole agent of and will act on behalf of each **Insured** with respect to: the payment of premiums and the receiving of any return premiums that may become due under this Policy; the negotiation, agreement to and acceptance of endorsements; the giving or receiving of any notice, including but not limited to giving notice of **Claim** or a notice of termination pursuant to Section XX Termination of Policy; and the receipt or enforcement of payment of a **Loss** (and the **Firm** shall be responsible for application of any such payment as provided for in this Policy). Each **Insured** acknowledges and agrees that the **Firm** shall act on its behalf with respect to all such matters.

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## XIX. ALTERATION AND ASSIGNMENT

No change in, modification of, or assignment of interest under this Policy shall be effective except when made by a written endorsement to this Policy which is signed by an authorized employee of Chubb & Son, a division of Federal Insurance Company.

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## XX. TERMINATION OF POLICY

- (A) This Policy shall terminate at the earliest of the following times:
- (1) upon receipt by the Company of written notice of termination from the **Firm**; provided that this Policy may not be terminated by the **Firm** after the effective date of any event described in Section XIII Changes in Exposure (B);
  - (2) upon expiration of the **Policy Period** as set forth in ITEM 3 of the Declarations;
  - (3) twenty (20) days after receipt by the **Firm** of a written notice of termination from the Company based upon nonpayment of premium, unless the premium is paid within such twenty (20) day period; or
  - (4) at such other time as may be agreed upon by the Company and the **Firm**.
- (B) The Company shall refund the unearned premium computed at customary short rates if this Policy is terminated by the **Firm**. Under any other circumstances the refund shall be computed pro rata. Payment or tender of any unearned premium by the Company shall not be a condition precedent to the effectiveness of such termination, but such payment shall be made as soon as practicable.

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## XXI. BANKRUPTCY

Except as provided in Section XIII. Changes in Exposure, bankruptcy or insolvency of any **Insured** shall not relieve the Company of its obligations nor deprive the Company of its rights or defenses under this Policy.

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## XXII. HEADINGS

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

**XXIII. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE TRADE SANCTION LAWS**

This insurance does not apply to the extent that trade or economic sanctions or other laws or regulations prohibit the Company from providing insurance.

**SPECIMEN**