



EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY COVERAGE

THIS IS A CLAIMS MADE COVERAGE WITH DEFENSE EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE LIMIT OF LIABILITY. PLEASE READ ALL TERMS CAREFULLY.

I. INSURING AGREEMENT

- A. The Company will pay on behalf of the **Insured**, **Loss** for any **Employment Claim** first made during the **Policy Period**, or if exercised, during the Extended Reporting Period or Run-Off Extended Reporting Period, for a **Wrongful Employment Practice**.
- B. If ITEM 5 of the Declarations indicates that Third Party Claim Coverage is applicable, the Company will pay on behalf of the **Insured**, **Loss** for any **Third Party Claim** first made during the **Policy Period**, or if exercised, during the Extended Reporting Period or Run-Off Extended Reporting Period, for a **Third Party Wrongful Act**.

II. DEFINITIONS

Wherever appearing in this **Liability Coverage**, the following words and phrases appearing in bold type will have the meanings set forth in section II. DEFINITIONS:

- A. Claim means an Employment Claim or, if ITEM 5 of the Declarations indicates that Third Party Claim Coverage is applicable, a Third Party Claim. A Claim is deemed to be made on the earliest date that any Executive Officer first receives written notice of such Claim. However, if any Insured Person who is not an Executive Officer first receives written notice of a Claim during the Policy Period, but no Executive Officer receives written notice of such Claim until after the Policy Period has expired, then such Claim will be deemed to have been made on the date such Insured Person first received written notice of the Claim.
- B. *Claimant* means:
 - 1. a past, present or future **Employee** of or applicant for employment with the **Insured Organization**;
 - 2. a governmental entity or agency, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or similar federal, state or local agency, when acting on behalf of or for the benefit of a past, present or future **Employee** or applicant for employment with the **Insured Organization**; or
 - 3. any **Independent Contractor**.
- C. *Discrimination* means any actual or alleged:
 - 1. violation of any employment discrimination law; or
 - 2. disparate treatment of, or the failure or refusal to hire a **Claimant** or **Outside Claimant** because he or she is or claims to be a member of a class which is or is alleged to be legally protected.
- D. *Employee* means a natural person whose labor or service is engaged by and directed by the **Insured Organization** and:
 - 1. who is on the payroll of the **Insured Organization**, including:
 - a. any in-house general counsel of the **Insured Organization**; and

- b. any other full-time, part-time, and seasonal worker;
- 2. who is a volunteer or temporary worker; or
- 3. whose services have been leased by the **Insured Organization**.

Independent Contractors are not **Employees**. The status of an individual as an **Employee** will be determined as of the date of the alleged **Wrongful Act**.

E. *Employment Agreement* means any express or implied employment agreement regardless of the basis in which such agreement is alleged to exist, other than a collective bargaining agreement.

F. *Employment Claim* means:

- 1. a written demand for monetary damages or non-monetary relief;
- 2. a civil proceeding commenced by service of a complaint or similar pleading;
- 3. a criminal proceeding commenced by filing of charges;
- 4. a formal administrative or regulatory proceeding commenced by the filing of a notice of charges, formal investigative order, service of summons or similar document, including a proceeding before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or any similar governmental agency; provided that in the context of an audit conducted by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, **Employment Claim** will be limited to a Notice of Violation or Order to Show Cause or written demand for monetary damages or non-monetary relief;
- 5. an arbitration, mediation or similar alternative dispute resolution proceeding if the **Insured** is obligated to participate in such proceeding or if the **Insured** agrees to participate in such proceeding, with the Company's written consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld; or
- 6. a written request to toll or waive a statute of limitations relating to a potential civil or administrative proceeding,

against an **Insured** by or on behalf of or for the benefit of a **Claimant**, or against an **Insured Person** serving in an **Outside Position** by or on behalf of or for the benefit of an **Outside Claimant**, for a **Wrongful Employment Practice**; provided that **Employment Claim** does not include any labor or grievance arbitration or other proceeding pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement.

- G. *Executive Officer* means an officer, member of the board of directors, natural person partner, principal, risk manager, LLC Manager, in-house general counsel, member of the staff of the human resources department of the Insured Organization or a functional equivalent thereof.
- H. Independent Contractor means any natural person who is not an Employee but who performs labor or service for the Insured Organization pursuant to a written contract or agreement. The status of an individual as an Independent Contractor will be determined as of the date of the alleged Wrongful Act.
- I. *Insured* means the **Insured Persons** and the **Insured Organization**.
- J. *Insured Organization* means the **Named Insured**, any **Subsidiary**, and any such entity as a debtor in possession, as such term is used in Chapter 11 of the United States of America Bankruptcy Code, as amended, or the equivalent of a debtor in possession under any applicable foreign law.
- K. Insured Person means any natural person who was, is or becomes an Employee, duly elected or appointed member of the board of directors, officer, member of the board of trustees, member of the board of regents, member of the board of governors, natural person partner, LLC Manager or a functional equivalent thereof of the Insured Organization for Wrongful Acts committed in the discharge of his or her duties as such, or while serving in an Outside Position.

In the event of the death, incapacity or bankruptcy of an **Insured Person**, any **Claim** against the estate, heirs, legal representatives or assigns of such **Insured Person** for a **Wrongful Act** of such **Insured Person** will be deemed to be a **Claim** against such **Insured Person**.

- L. Loss means Defense Expenses and money which an Insured is legally obligated to pay as a result of a Claim, including settlements; judgments; back and front pay; compensatory damages; punitive or exemplary damages or the multiple portion of any multiplied damage award if insurable under the applicable law most favorable to the insurability of punitive, exemplary, or multiplied damages; prejudgment and postjudgment interest; and legal fees and expenses of a Claimant or Outside Claimant awarded pursuant to a court order or judgment. "Loss" does not include:
 - 1. civil or criminal fines; sanctions; liquidated damages other than liquidated damages awarded under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act or the Equal Pay Act; payroll or other taxes; or damages, penalties or types of relief deemed uninsurable under applicable law;
 - 2. future compensation, including salary or benefits, for a Claimant or Outside Claimant who has been or will be hired, promoted or reinstated to employment pursuant to a settlement, court order, judgment, award or other resolution of a Claim; or that part of any judgment or settlement which constitutes front pay, future monetary losses including pension and other benefits, or other future economic relief or the value or equivalent thereof, if the Insured has been ordered, or has the option pursuant to a judgment, order or other award or disposition of a Claim, to promote, accommodate, reinstate, or hire the Claimant or Outside Claimant to whom such sums are to be paid, but fails to do so;
 - 3. medical, pension, disability, life insurance, **Stock Benefit** or other similar employee benefits, except and to the extent that a judgment or settlement of a **Claim** includes a monetary component measured by the value of:
 - a. medical, pension, disability, life insurance, or other similar employee benefits; or
 - b. **Stock Benefits** of an **Insured Organization** whose equity or debt securities are not publicly traded, including on a stock exchange or another organized securities market,

as consequential damages for a Wrongful Act; or

- 4. any amount allocated to non-covered loss pursuant to Section III. CONDITIONS P. ALLOCATION of the Liability Coverage Terms and Conditions.
- M. Outside Claimant means:
 - 1. a past, present or future **Outside Employee** of or applicant for employment with an **Outside Entity**;
 - 2. a governmental entity or agency, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or similar federal, state or local agency, when acting on behalf of or for the benefit of present or former **Outside Employees** or applicants for employment; or
 - 3. any natural person independent contractor who performs labor or service for the **Outside Entity** pursuant to a written contract or agreement, where such labor or service is under the exclusive direction of the **Outside Entity**.
- N. *Outside Employee* means a natural person whose labor or service is engaged by and directed by an **Outside Entity** and:
 - 1. who is on the payroll of an **Outside Entity**, including:
 - a. any in-house general counsel of the Outside Entity; and
 - b. any other full-time, part-time, and seasonal worker;

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- 2. who is a volunteer or temporary worker; or
- 3. whose services have been leased by the **Outside Entity**.

The status of an individual as an **Outside Employee** will be determined as of the date of the alleged **Wrongful Employment Practice**.

- **O. Outside Entity** means a corporation or organization:
 - 1. other than the **Insured Organization**, which is exempt from federal income tax as an entity described in Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(10) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; or
 - 2. specifically scheduled as an **Outside Entity** by endorsement to this **Liability Policy**.
- P. *Outside Position* means service by an **Insured Person** as a member of the board of directors, officer, member of the board of trustees, member of the board of managers, member of the board of regents, member of the board of governors or a functional equivalent thereof with an **Outside Entity**, but only during such time that such service is with the knowledge, consent, and at the specific request of the **Insured Organization**.
- Q. Retaliation means any actual or alleged Wrongful Termination or other adverse employment action against a Claimant or Outside Claimant on account of such Claimant's or Outside Claimant's exercise or attempted exercise of rights protected by law, refusal to violate any law, disclosure or threat to disclose to a superior or to any governmental agency alleged violations of the law, or on account of the Claimant or Outside Claimant having assisted or testified in or cooperated with a proceeding or investigation regarding alleged violations of law.
- **R**. **Sexual Harassment** means any actual or alleged unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or any other conduct of a sexual nature:
 - 1. which is made a term or condition of a **Claimant's** or **Outside Claimant's** employment or advancement;
 - 2. which the submission to or rejection of is used as a basis for decisions affecting the **Claimant** or **Outside Claimant**; or
 - 3. which has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment.
- **S. Stock Benefit** means compensation provided to **Employees** in the form of equity or debt securities or rights to purchase equity or debt securities or the value thereof, including any grant of stock, restricted stock, stock options or warrants, phantom stock, stock appreciation rights, or performance shares.
- T. Subsidiary means:
 - 1. any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity organized under the laws of any jurisdiction in which, on or before the Inception Date set forth in ITEM 2 of the Declarations, the **Named Insured** owns, directly or indirectly, more than fifty percent (50%) of the outstanding securities or voting rights representing the present right to elect, appoint or exercise a majority control over such entity's board of directors, board of trustees, board of managers, natural person general partners, or functional equivalent;
 - 2. any non-profit entity over which, on or before the Inception Date set forth in ITEM 2 of the Declarations, the **Named Insured** has the ability to exercise managerial control;
 - any entity operated as a joint venture, in which, on or before the Inception Date set forth in ITEM
 2 of the Declarations, the Named Insured owns, directly or indirectly, exactly fifty percent (50%) of the issued and outstanding voting stock and whose management and operation the Insured

Organization solely controls, pursuant to a written agreement with the owner(s) of the remaining issued and outstanding voting stock; or

4. subject to the provisions set forth in Section III. CONDITIONS L. ACQUISITIONS of the Liability Coverage Terms and Conditions, any entity that the Insured Organization acquires or forms during the Policy Period in which the Named Insured owns, directly or indirectly, more than fifty percent (50%) of the outstanding securities or voting rights representing the present right to elect, appoint or exercise a majority control over such entity's board of directors, board of trustees, board of managers, natural person general partners, or functional equivalent, or, in the case of any non-profit entity that does not issue securities, over which the Named Insured has the ability to exercise managerial control.

U. Third Party Claim means:

- 1. a written demand for monetary damages or non-monetary relief;
- 2. a civil proceeding commenced by service of a complaint or similar pleading;
- 3. a formal administrative or regulatory proceeding commenced by the filing of a notice of charges, formal investigative order, service of summons, or similar document;
- 4. an arbitration, mediation or similar alternative dispute resolution proceeding if the **Insured** is obligated to participate in such proceeding or if the **Insured** agrees to participate in such proceeding, with the Company's written consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld; or
- 5. a written request to toll or waive a statute of limitations relating to a potential civil or administrative proceeding,

against an **Insured** by or on behalf of or for the benefit of any natural person other than a **Claimant** for a **Third Party Wrongful Act**; provided that **Third Party Claim** does not include any labor or grievance arbitration or other proceeding pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement or any type of criminal proceeding.

- V. *Third Party Wrongful Act* means, with respect to any natural person other than a **Claimant**, any actual or alleged:
 - 1. violation of any federal, state or local law or statute or any common law prohibiting any kind of discrimination; or
 - 2. unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or any other conduct of a sexual nature which violates the civil rights of any such person.
- W. Workplace Harassment means any actual or alleged harassment, other than Sexual Harassment, which creates a work environment that interferes with job performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.
- X. Wrongful Act means:
 - 1. a Wrongful Employment Practice occurring in the course of or arising out of a Claimant's employment, application for employment or performance of services with the Insured Organization;
 - 2. a Wrongful Employment Practice by an Insured Person in his or her Outside Position occurring in the course of or arising out of an Outside Claimant's employment, application for employment or performance of services with an Outside Entity; or
 - 3. **a Third Party Wrongful Act**, if ITEM 5 of the Declarations indicates that Third Party Claim Coverage has been purchased.

All **Related Wrongful Acts** are a single **Wrongful Act** for purposes of this **Liability Coverage**, and all **Related Wrongful Acts** will be deemed to have occurred at the time the first of such **Related Wrongful Acts** occurred whether prior to or during the **Policy Period**.

- Y. Wrongful Employment Practice means any actual or alleged:
 - 1. **Discrimination**;
 - 2. **Retaliation**;
 - 3. **Sexual Harassment**;
 - 4. Workplace Harassment;
 - 5. Wrongful Termination;
 - 6. breach of **Employment Agreement**;
 - 7. violation of the Family Medical Leave Act;
 - 8. employment-related misrepresentation;
 - 9. employment-related defamation, including libel or slander, or invasion of privacy;
 - 10. failure or refusal to create or enforce adequate workplace or employment policies and procedures, employ or promote, including wrongful failure to grant bonuses or perquisites, or grant tenure;
 - 11. wrongful discipline, wrongful demotion, denial of training, deprivation of career opportunity, denial or deprivation of seniority, or evaluation;
 - 12. employment-related wrongful infliction of emotional distress; or
 - 13. negligent hiring, supervision of others, training, or retention committed or allegedly committed by any **Insured**, but only if such act is alleged in connection with a **Wrongful Employment Practice** set forth in 1. through 12. above; provided that the **Claim** alleging the negligent hiring, supervision of others, training, or retention is brought by or on behalf of any **Claimant** or **Outside Claimant**.
- Z. Wrongful Termination means the actual, alleged or constructive termination of an employment relationship between a Claimant and the Insured Organization, or the actual or constructive termination of an employment relationship between an Outside Claimant and an Outside Entity, in a manner or for a reason which is contrary to applicable law or public policy, or in violation of an Employment Agreement.

III. EXCLUSIONS

A. EXCLUSIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL LOSS

- 1. The Company will not be liable for **Loss** for any **Claim** for any damage to, or destruction of, loss of, or loss of use of, any tangible property including damage to, destruction of, loss of, or loss of use of, tangible property that results from inadequate or insufficient protection from soil or ground water movement, soil subsidence, mold, toxic mold, spores, mildew, fungus, or wet or dry rot.
- 2. The Company will not be liable for **Loss** for any **Claim** for any bodily injury, sickness, disease, death, or loss of consortium; provided that this exclusion will not apply to that portion of a **Claim** seeking **Loss** for emotional distress, mental anguish, humiliation, or loss of reputation.
- 3. The **Company** will not be liable for **Loss** for any **Claim**:

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- a. based upon or arising out of the actual, alleged or threatened discharge, dispersal, seepage, migration, release or escape of any **Pollutant**;
- b. based upon or arising out of any request, demand, order, or statutory or regulatory 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 **Pollutant**; or
- c. brought by or on behalf of any governmental authority because of testing for, monitoring, cleaning up, removing, containing, treating, detoxifying or neutralizing, or in any way responding to, or assessing the effects of, any **Pollutant**;

provided that this exclusion will not apply to Claims for Retaliation.

- 4. The Company will not be liable for Loss for any Claim based upon or arising out of, any fact, circumstance, situation, event or Wrongful Act underlying or alleged in any prior or pending civil, criminal, administrative or regulatory proceeding, including audits initiated by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, against any Insured as of or prior to the applicable Prior and Pending Proceeding Date set forth in ITEM 5 of the Declarations for this Liability Coverage.
- 5. The Company will not be liable for Loss for any Claim for any fact, circumstance, situation or event that is or reasonably would be regarded as the basis for a claim about which any Executive Officer had knowledge prior to the applicable Continuity Date set forth in ITEM 5 of the Declarations for this Liability Coverage.
- 6. The Company will not be liable for Loss for any Claim based upon or arising out of, any fact, circumstance, situation, event or Wrongful Act which, before the Inception Date set forth in ITEM 2 of the Declarations, was the subject of any notice of claim or potential claim given by or on behalf of any Insured under any policy of insurance of which this Liability Coverage is a direct renewal or replacement or which it succeeds in time.
- 7. The Company will not be liable for **Loss** for any **Claim** for any violation of responsibilities, duties or obligations under any law concerning Social Security, unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, disability insurance, or any similar or related federal, state or local law or regulation; or for any actual or alleged violation of the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN), Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) or amendments thereto or regulation; provided that this exclusion will not apply to **Claims** for **Retaliation**.
- 8. The Company will not be liable for **Loss** for any **Claim** for any liability of others assumed by an **Insured** under any contract or agreement, whether oral or written, except to the extent that the **Insured** would have been liable in the absence of such contract or agreement.
- 9. The Company will not be liable for Loss for any Claim for any violation of responsibilities, duties or obligations under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), including amendments thereto and regulations promulgated thereunder, or any similar or related federal, state or local law or regulation; or for an Insured's failure or refusal to establish, contribute to, pay for, insure, maintain, provide benefits pursuant to, or enroll or maintain the enrollment of an Employee or Outside Employee or dependent in, any employee benefit plan, fund or program, including contracts or agreements which are not subject to the provisions of ERISA; provided that this exclusion will not apply to Claims for Retaliation.
- 10. The Company will not be liable for Loss for any Claim based upon or arising out of, any Wrongful Act by a Subsidiary or any related Insured Person occurring at any time during which such entity was not a Subsidiary.
- 11. The Company will not be liable for **Loss** for any **Third Party Claim**:

- a. alleging price discrimination, or other violation of any antitrust or unfair trade practices law; or
- b. against an **Insured Person** solely due to their service in an **Outside Position**.
- 12. The Company will not be liable for Loss for any Claim for any liability under any agreement governing the terms of the labor or service of an Independent Contractor, temporary worker or leased employee with the Insured Organization or for liability under any agreement governing the terms of the labor or service of any natural person independent contractor who performs labor or service solely for the Outside Entity on a full-time basis pursuant to a written contract or agreement.
- 13. The Company will not be liable for Loss for any Claim for violation of responsibilities, duties or obligations imposed on an Insured under any Wage and Hour Law; provided that this exclusion will not apply to:
 - a. Claims for Retaliation; or
 - b. any actual or alleged violation of the Equal Pay Act.

B. EXCLUSIONS APPLICABLE TO LOSS, OTHER THAN DEFENSE EXPENSES

- 1. The Company will not be liable for Loss, other than Defense Expenses, for any Claim seeking costs and expenses incurred or to be incurred to comply with an order, judgment or award of injunctive or other equitable relief of any kind, or that portion of a settlement encompassing injunctive or other equitable relief, including actual or anticipated costs and expenses associated with or arising from an Insured's obligation to provide reasonable accommodation under, or otherwise comply with, the Americans With Disabilities Act or the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, including amendments thereto and regulations promulgated thereunder, or any similar or related federal, state or local law or regulation.
- 2. The Company will not be liable for **Loss**, other than **Defense Expenses**, for any **Claim** seeking severance pay, damages or penalties under an express written **Employment Agreement**, or under any policy or procedure providing for payment in the event of separation from employment; or sums sought solely on the basis of a claim for unpaid services.

IV. CONDITIONS

A. SETTLEMENT

- 1. The Company may, with the written consent of the **Insured**, make such settlement or compromise of any **Claim** as the Company deems expedient. In the event that:
 - a. the **Insured** and the party bringing a **Claim** hereunder consent to the first settlement offer recommended by the Company (the "Settlement Offer") within thirty (30) days of being made aware of such offer by the Company; and
 - b. the amount of such Settlement Offer:
 - i. is less than the remaining applicable limit of liability available at the time; and
 - ii. combined with **Defense Expenses** incurred with respect to such **Claim**, exceeds the Retention;

the Retention will be retroactively reduced by ten percent (10%) with respect to such **Claim**.

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- 2. If the **Insured** does not consent to the Settlement Offer within thirty (30) days of being made aware of such offer by the Company:
 - a. the Retention will not be reduced as provided in paragraph 1. above even if consent is given to the same or subsequent Settlement Offer; and
 - b. the **Insured** will be solely responsible for thirty percent (30%) of all **Defense Expenses** incurred or paid by the **Insured** after the date the **Insured** refused to consent to the Settlement Offer, and the **Insured** will also be responsible for thirty percent (30%) of all **Loss**, other than **Defense Expenses**, in excess of the Settlement Offer, provided that the Company's liability under this **Liability Coverage** for such **Claim** will not exceed the remaining applicable limit of liability.

B. OTHER INSURANCE

- 1. This Liability Coverage is primary, except as expressly stated otherwise in this Liability Coverage.
- 2. Except as stated in paragraph 3. of section IV. CONDITIONS B., this Liability Coverage will apply only as excess insurance over, and will not contribute with any insurance that applies to any Claim:
 - a. against any leased or temporary worker; or
 - b. for a **Third Party Wrongful Act**.
- 3. With respect to **Claims** against **Insured Persons** for **Wrongful Employment Practices** in their **Outside Positions**, this **Liability Coverage** will apply only as excess insurance over, and will not contribute with:
 - a. any other valid and collectible insurance available to any **Insured**, including any insurance under which there is a duty to defend, unless such insurance is written specifically excess of this **Liability Coverage** by reference in such other policy to the Policy Number of this **Liability Policy**; or
 - b. indemnification to which an **Insured Person** is entitled from any **Outside Entity** other than the **Insured Organization**.
- 4. This **Liability Coverage** will not be subject to the terms of any other insurance.

SPECIMEN - QUOTE 1

C. OUTSIDE POSITIONS - LIMIT OF LIABILITY

If any **Claim** against an **Insured Person** gives rise to an obligation both under this **Liability Coverage** and under any other coverage or policy of insurance issued by the Company or any of its affiliates to any **Outside Entity**, the Company's maximum aggregate limit of liability under all such policies for any **Loss**, for such **Claim** will not exceed the largest single available limit of liability under such coverage.