

TORUS SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

THIS POLICY PROVIDES COVERAGE ON A CLAIMS-MADE AND REPORTED BASIS SUBJECT TO ITS TERMS. THE COVERAGE PROVIDED BY THIS POLICY IS LIMITED TO ONLY THOSE CLAIMS FIRST MADE AGAINST THE INSURED AND REPORTED IN WRITING TO THE COMPANY DURING THE POLICY PERIOD OR AN EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD, IF APPLICABLE. THE LIMIT OF INSURANCE WILL BE REDUCED BY PAYMENT OF CLAIMS EXPENSES AND DAMAGES. PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE POLICY CAREFULLY.

In consideration of the payment of the premium and in reliance upon the statements in the **Application** and subject to all terms of this Policy, the **Insureds** agree with the **Insurer** as follows:

I. INSURING AGREEMENTS

A. COVERAGE - PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

The **Insurer** shall pay on behalf of the **Insured** those sums in excess of the Retention which the **Insured** becomes legally obligated to pay as **Damages** as a result of any **Claim** which is first made against the **Insured** during the **Policy Period**, and reported to the **Insurer** in writing during the **Policy Period** or within 60 days thereafter.

- B. DEFENSE, INVESTIGATION AND SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS
 - 1. The Insurer shall have the right and duty to defend any Claim, seeking Damages, which is first made against the Insured during the Policy Period, and reported to the Insurer in writing during the Policy Period or within 60 days thereafter, even if the allegations are groundless, false or fraudulent. The Insurer shall have the sole right to select counsel to defend the Insured. In the event an Insured is entitled to independent defense counsel, the Insured may select such independent defense counsel, subject to the Insurer's consent. Such counsel shall maintain errors and omissions coverage and shall have practiced for at least 10 years in the defense of similar Claims. The Insured and independent defense counsel shall fully cooperate with the Insurer with respect to the defense, investigation, and settlement of any Claim. The Insurer shall only be liable for reasonable and necessary defense costs at rates customarily paid by the Insurer for the defense of similar Claims in the geographic area where the Claim is being defended. Any such defense costs shall be considered Claims Expenses.
 - 2. The Insurer's right and duty to defend any Claim shall end when the Limits of Liability stated in Item 4 of the Declarations have been exhausted by payment of Damages and/or Claims Expenses, or have been tendered to, or on behalf of, the Insured, or to a court of competent jurisdiction. In such case, the Insurer shall have the right to withdraw from the defense, payment, or settlement of any Claim by tendering control of such Claim to the Insured. The Insured agrees to accept such tender.
 - 3. The Insurer shall not settle any Claim without the consent of the Named Insured which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. If, however, the Named Insured refuses to consent to a settlement recommended by the Insurer, the Insurer's liability for the Claim shall not exceed the amount for which the Claim could have been settled, including Claims Expenses incurred up to the date of such refusal, or the applicable limits of liability, whichever is less.



C. DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING

The **Insurer** shall have neither the right nor the duty to defend a **Disciplinary Proceeding**. If, during the **Policy Period**, a **Disciplinary Proceeding** should commence against an **Insured** by reason of a **Wrongful Act** occurring on or after the **Retroactive Date**, if any, the **Insurer** will indemnify the **Insured** for reasonable fees, costs and expenses incurred in responding to such **Disciplinary Proceeding**. The maximum amount payable, regardless of the number of **Disciplinary Proceedings** or the number of **Insureds**, shall be an aggregate amount of \$10,000 per **Policy Period**. The Retention shall not apply to this provision. Any payments made by the **Insurer** under this provision will be in addition to the applicable limits of liability. The **Insurer** shall not be obligated to pay any award, penalty, sanction, cost or order of restitution resulting from any **Disciplinary Proceeding**.

II. DEFINITIONS

Whenever printed in boldface type, and whether in singular or plural form in this Policy, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated below.

- A. **Application** means the application for insurance, and any material submitted therewith or incorporated therein, and any other documents submitted in connection with the underwriting of this Policy.
- B. **Bodily Injury** means physical injury, sickness, disease or death of any natural person.
- C. Claim means:
 - 1. a written demand for monetary damages, including the service of suit or institution of arbitration proceedings, by reason of a **Wrongful Act**; or
 - 2. a written request that an **Insured** sign an agreement to toll the statute of limitations, by reason of a **Wrongful Act**.

A **Claim** shall be deemed to have been first made at the time written notice of the **Claim** is first received by any **Insured**.

- D. Claims Expenses means:
 - 1. fees charged by any lawyer designated by the **Insurer** to defend the **Insured**; and
 - if authorized by the **Insurer**, all other reasonable fees, costs and expenses resulting from the investigation, adjustment, defense or appeal of any **Claim**, including the cost of appeal bonds; however the **Insurer** shall have no obligation to apply for or furnish appeal bonds on behalf of any **Insured**.

Claims Expenses shall not include salaries and expenses of regular employees or officers of the **Insurer** or any fees, costs or expenses of any **Insured**. **Claims Expenses** shall be part of, and not in addition to, the Limits of Liability stated in Item 4 of the Declarations.

- E. **Damages** means the monetary portion of any judgment, award or settlement, provided always that **Damages** shall not include:
 - 1. taxes, civil fines, criminal fines, sanctions, fees, restitution or penalties imposed by law, statute, regulation or court rule, or any amount awarded in a **Disciplinary Proceeding**;



- 2. punitive or exemplary damages, or the multiplied portion of multiplied damages;
- 3. any amounts deemed uninsurable under the law pursuant to which this Policy may be construed;
- 4. the cost to comply with any form of injunctive or other non-monetary or declaratory relief; or
- 5. any amounts payable by any **Insured** for, or for the return of, fees, commissions, profits or charges for services or consideration.
- F. **Disciplinary Proceeding** means any proceeding by a regulatory or disciplinary official or agency against any **Insured** to investigate actual or alleged professional misconduct in rendering or failing to render **Professional Services**.
- G. Insured means:
 - 1. the Named Insured and any Predecessor Firm;
 - any individual or professional corporation who is or becomes a partner, principal, officer, director, stockholder, or employee of the Named Insured, but solely with respect to Professional Services performed on behalf of the Named Insured or Predecessor Firm;
 - any individual or professional corporation who was a partner, principal, officer, director, stockholder, or employee of the Named Insured or Predecessor Firm, but solely with respect to Professional Services performed on behalf of the Named Insured or Predecessor Firm;
 - any "of counsel" or independent contractor who is a natural person, but solely with respect to Professional Services performed on behalf of the Named Insured and pursuant to a written contract with the Named Insured; or
 - 5. the heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives of the **Insured** in the event of the **Insured's** death, incapacity or bankruptcy, but solely with respect to **Professional Services** rendered prior to such **Insured's** death, incapacity or bankruptcy and only to the extent that such **Insured** would otherwise be covered by this Policy.
- H. **Insurer** means the insurance company shown in the Declarations.
- I. Named Insured means the person or entity shown in Item 1 of the Declarations.
- J. **Personal Injury** means false arrest, detention or imprisonment, wrongful entry or eviction or other invasion of private occupancy, abuse of process, malicious prosecution, libel, slander and breach of privacy.
- K. **Policy Period** means the period of time from the effective date of this Policy as set forth in Item 2 of the Declarations to the earlier of the expiration date shown in Item 2 of the Declarations or the effective date of cancellation of this Policy.
- L. **Predecessor Firm** means a legal entity, which was engaged in the practice of law, to whose financial assets and liabilities the **Named Insured** is the majority successor in interest prior to the effective date of this Policy.
- M. **Professional Services** means services arising out of the conduct of the **Insured's** profession as a lawyer or as a lawyer acting in the capacity of an arbitrator, mediator, title insurance agent, notary public,



or as a member, director, or officer of any Bar Association, its governing board or any of its committees. **Professional Services** shall include services as an administrator, conservator, executor, guardian, or in a similar fiduciary capacity, or trustee, if such services are usual and customary to the practice of law and are in the rendering of professional legal services to others in an attorney/client relationship.

In all events, coverage as is afforded with respect to **Professional Services** shall only apply for services performed by an **Insured** for remuneration inuring to the benefit of the **Named Insured** or **Predecessor Firm**, or on a pro bono basis, if, prior to the performance of such services, a partner, director or officer of the **Named Insured** or **Predecessor Firm** approved of such services without a fee.

- N. **Related Wrongful Acts** means **Wrongful Acts** which are the same or continuous or are logically or causally connected by any common fact, situation, circumstance, event, or transaction.
- O. Retroactive Date means the date specified in Item 6 of the Declarations.
- P. Wrongful Act means any actual or alleged act, error, omission, or Personal Injury arising out of Professional Services rendered by an Insured for others.

III. EXCLUSIONS

This Policy does not apply to any **Claim** made against the **Insured**:

- A. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any Wrongful Act or Related Wrongful Act or any fact, circumstance or situation that has been the subject of any notice or Claim reported under any other policy of insurance;
- B. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any Wrongful Act occurring prior to the Policy Period if any Insured, on or before the effective date of the first Lawyers Professional Liability Policy issued by the Insurer to the Named Insured which has been continuously renewed and maintained in effect to the effective date of this Policy Period, knew or could have reasonably foreseen that such Wrongful Act might reasonably be expected to be the basis of a Claim;
- C. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any **Wrongful Act** prior to the **Retroactive Date** or any subsequent **Related Wrongful Act**;
- D. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any dishonest, fraudulent, or malicious act, error, omission or offense committed by or ratified by any **Insured**; provided, however, the **Insurer** will provide a defense for such **Claim**, unless or until the dishonest, fraudulent, or malicious act, error, or omission has been determined by any trial verdict, court ruling, regulatory ruling or legal admission, whether or not appealed;

Provided however if coverage under this Policy would be excluded because of exclusion D above, the coverage otherwise afforded by this Policy shall continue to apply to any **Insured** who neither committed, personally acquiesced in, or remained passive after knowledge of such dishonest, fraudulent, or malicious act, error, or omission.

- E. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any actual or alleged conversion, misappropriation, improper commingling of funds, or the return, restitution, or disgorgement of fees, costs or expenses;
- F. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any criminal investigation, criminal proceeding or prosecution against any **Insured**;



- G. for any actual or alleged **Bodily Injury** or emotional distress or mental anguish arising from such **Bodily Injury**, or damage to, or destruction of any tangible property, including loss of use thereof;
- H. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any assault, battery, or trespass;
- based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any conspiracy or violation of the provisions of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act 18 USC Sections 1961;
- J. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any **Insured's** capacity as a public official or an employee of a governmental body, subdivision or agency unless the **Insured** is deemed to be such solely because the **Insured** has rendered legal services to such governmental body and the remuneration for such legal services has inured to the benefit of the **Named Insured**;
- K. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any pre or post formation business enterprise other than the **Named Insured** which is, was, or will be more than 5% owned by any **Insured** or in which any **Insured** is or was an officer, director, partner, manager, or employee, or which is or was directly or indirectly controlled, operated or managed by any **Insured**, either individually or in a fiduciary capacity;

This exclusion K. applies whether or not the **Insured's** activities also constitute or involve **Professional Services**.

- L. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any actual or alleged certification or acknowledgement by any **Insured**, in his or her capacity as a notary public, of a signature on a document which the **Insured** did not witness being placed on the document;
- M. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving defects in title of which any **Insured** had actual knowledge as of the date of issuance of the title insurance policy, or any breach of underwriting authority by an **Insured** in the **Insured's** capacity as a title insurance agent;
- N. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving **Professional Services** provided to a trust or estate if any **Insured** is, was or becomes a beneficiary or distributee of such trust or estate;
- O. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any **Insured's** actual or alleged activities or capacity as a fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and any amendments, regulations or orders issued pursuant thereto, or any similar provisions of any state statutory law or common law;
- P. by or on behalf of any **Insured** or any other individual or professional corporation who is or was a partner, principal, officer, director, stockholder, member, or employee of the **Named Insured** or **Predecessor Firm**;
- Q. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any actual or alleged investment advice, promotion, sale, solicitation, or recommendation of any securities, real estate or other investments by any **Insured**;
- R. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any violation of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, any state Blue Sky laws, or any other law, rule, or regulation governing the registration, offering, issuance, purchase, or sale of securities;



- S. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any actual or alleged employment-related practices including but not limited to any workplace discrimination or harassment, abusive or hostile work environment, wrongful discharge or termination, wrongful demotion or discipline, violation of the Family Medical Leave Act (or any similar state or local law), retaliation, employment-related misrepresentation, negligent hiring, supervision, evaluation, retention or performance evaluation, or wrongful reference;
- T. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any actual or alleged discrimination against another based upon such other's race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, disability, marital status, national origin, pregnancy, HIV status, sexual orientation or preference, Vietnam Era Veteran status or other protected military status or other status that is protected pursuant to any federal, state, or local statutory law or common law anywhere in the world, or any sexual harassment, including any unwelcome sexual advance, request for a sexual favor, or other conduct of a sexual nature against another;
- U. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any actual or alleged nuclear reaction, radiation, seepage, discharge, dispersal, pollution, release of asbestos, lead, mold or contamination of any kind, or any request, demand or order that any **Insured** test for, monitor, clean up, remove or treat asbestos, lead, mold, pollution or contamination of any kind;
- V. based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving any liability assumed by any **Insured** under any contract or agreement unless such liability would have attached to the **Insured** in the absence of such contract or agreement.

IV. LIMITS OF LIABILITY AND RETENTION

- A. The maximum liability of the **Insurer** for all **Damages** and **Claims Expenses** resulting from each **Claim** covered under this Policy shall not exceed the each **Claim** Limit of Liability stated in Item 4.a. of the Declarations.
- B. The maximum liability of the **Insurer** for the combined total of all **Damages** and **Claims Expenses** arising from any and all **Claims** covered under this Policy shall not exceed the amount stated in the Aggregate Limit of Liability stated in Item 4.b. of the Declarations.
- C. All Claims based upon, arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from, or in any way involving the same Wrongful Act or any Related Wrongful Act or one or more of a series of similar, repeated, or continuous Wrongful Acts or Related Wrongful Acts shall be deemed to be a single Claim subject to the each Claim Limit of Liability stated in Item 4.a. of the Declarations. All such Claims constituting a single Claim shall be deemed to have been first made on the date on which the earliest of such Claims is first made even if such date is before the Policy Period. The inclusion of more than one Insured in any Claim or the making of Claims by more than one person or organization shall not operate to increase the Limits of Liability stated in Item 4 of the Declarations.
- D. If two or more polices of insurance issued by the **Insurer** apply to the same **Claim** for which any **Insured** is legally liable, the **Insurer** shall not be liable for any amount greater than the Limit of Liability of the policy issued by the **Insurer** which has the highest applicable Limit of Liability.
- E. The **Insurer** shall only be liable for those amounts payable as **Damages** and/or **Claims Expenses** which are in excess of the Retention stated in Item 5 of the Declarations. The Retention shall apply separately to each **Claim** and shall be paid by the **Named Insured**. The **Named Insured** shall promptly make direct payments within the Retention to the appropriate parties as designated by the **Insurer**. The **Insurer** shall have no obligation to make payments within the Retention. If the **Named Insured** fails to pay the



Retention, then all **Insureds** shall be jointly and severally obligated to pay the Retention. If the **Insurer** brings suit to collect such amounts, then the **Insureds** responsible to pay such amounts shall pay the legal fees, costs, and expenses incurred by the **Insurer** to collect such amounts.

V. CONDITIONS

A. INSURED'S DUTIES IN THE EVENT OF A CLAIM

As a condition precedent to coverage under this Policy, an **Insured's** duties in the event of a **Claim** are as follows:

- 1. If a **Claim** is made against an **Insured**, the **Insured** must give written notice to the **Insurer** as soon as practicable but in no event later than 60 days after the end of the **Policy Period**. The **Insured** shall immediately forward to the **Insurer** every demand, notice, summons, or other process received by any **Insured**.
- 2. An **Insured** shall not make any payment, admit liability, settle any **Claim**, stipulate to any judgment, assume any obligation, agree to arbitration or any similar means of resolution of any dispute, waive any rights, or incur any **Claims Expenses** without the prior written consent of the **Insurer**.
- 3. Each Insured shall cooperate with the Insurer in the defense, investigation and settlement of any Claim. Upon the Insurer's request, the Insured, shall submit to examination or questioning, attend hearings, depositions, and trials and assist in effecting settlement, securing and giving evidence and obtaining the attendance of witnesses in the conduct of suits, mediations or similar proceedings. Each Insured shall assist the Insurer in effecting any rights of indemnity, contribution or apportionment available to any Insured or the Insurer.

B. REPORTING OF POTENTIAL CLAIMS

- If, during the **Policy Period**, an **Insured** becomes aware of any fact, circumstance, or situation which may reasonably be expected to give rise to a **Claim** against any **Insured** and gives written notice to the **Insurer** during the **Policy Period**, then any **Claim** subsequently made against the **Insured** arising out of such fact, circumstance or situation shall be deemed to have been made when written notice was first received by the **Insurer**.
- 2. Written notice of a potential **Claim** shall include:
 - a. the specific **Wrongful Act**, including the date(s) thereof; and,
 - b. the injury or damage that may reasonably result; and,
 - c. the date and circumstance by which the **Insured** became aware of the **Wrongful Act**.

C. EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD COVERAGE

In the event of cancellation or non-renewal of this Policy, by either the **Named Insured** or the **Insurer**, for reasons other than nonpayment of premium, the **Named Insured** shall have the right to an Extended Reporting Period as follows:



1. AUTOMATIC EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD COVERAGE

Without any additional premium being required, coverage as provided under this Policy shall automatically continue for a period of 60 days following the effective date of cancellation or non-renewal, but only with respect to **Claims** for **Wrongful Acts** fully occurring prior to the effective date of such cancellation or non-renewal and otherwise covered by this Policy and only if there is no other policy that would otherwise provide insurance for such **Wrongful Act**. This 60 day period shall be referred to as the Automatic Extended Reporting Period. The Automatic Extended Reporting Period shall not be available if any **Insured's** license to practice law is revoked, suspended by or surrendered at the request of any regulating authority.

2. SUPPLEMENTAL EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD COVERAGE

The **Named Insured** shall have the right to purchase an optional Supplemental Extended Reporting Period for reporting **Claims** made against any **Insured** under this Policy.

a. The additional premium for the Supplemental Extended Reporting Period shall be as follows:

Supplemental Extended Reported Period		Additional Premium
One year	(12 months)	100% of the last annual premium of this Policy
Two years	(24 months)	175% of the last annual premium of this Policy
Three years	(36 months)	200% of the last annual premium of this Policy
Five years	(60 months)	250% of the last annual premium of this Policy

- b. If the **Named Insured** purchases the Supplemental Extended Reporting Period, the coverage shall apply only to **Claims** for **Wrongful Acts** fully occurring prior to the date of cancellation or non-renewal and otherwise covered by this Policy and which are first made against any **Insured** and reported to the **Insurer** during the Supplemental Extended Reporting Period.
- c. This right to purchase the Supplemental Extended Reporting Period is subject to the following conditions:
 - i. the Policy was cancelled or non-renewed for reasons other than non-payment of premium;
 - ii. any Retention or other amounts owed the **Insurer** have been paid;
 - iii. the Insured(s), has complied with all terms and conditions of the Policy;
 - iv. the Named Insured must send written notice to the Insurer of the intention to purchase the Supplemental Extended Reporting Period accompanied by the additional premium. Written notice and premium payment must be received by the Insurer within 30 days of cancellation or nonrenewal, or the right to purchase the Supplemental Extended Reporting Period shall terminate;
 - v. the Supplemental Extended Reporting Period does not increase or reinstate the limits of liability or extend the **Policy Period**.
- d. Any **Claim** made during the Supplemental Extended Reporting Period shall be deemed to have been made during the **Policy Period**. The entire premium for the Supplemental Extended Reporting Period shall be deemed to be fully earned at the inception of the Supplemental Extended Reporting Period.



D. SUBROGATION

In the event of payment by the **Insurer** under this Policy, the **Insurer** shall be subrogated to all **Insureds'** rights of recovery against any person or organization. All **Insureds** shall cooperate with the **Insurer** and do whatever is necessary to secure such rights and shall do nothing to prejudice such rights. Any amounts recovered pursuant to the exercise of such rights of subrogation shall be applied as follows: (1) to the repayment of expenses incurred toward subrogation; (2) to **Damages** and/or **Claims Expenses** paid by the **Insured** in excess of the Limits of Liability hereunder; (3) to **Damages** and/or **Claims Expenses** paid by the **Insurer**; (4) to **Damages** and/or **Claims Expenses** paid by the **Insurer**; (4) to **Pamages** and/or **Claims Expenses** paid by the **Insured** in excess of the Retention; and (5) to repayment of the Retention.

E. ASSIGNMENT

Assignment of interest under this Policy shall not bind the **Insurer** unless its consent is endorsed hereon.

F. CANCELLATION

- 1. This Policy may be canceled by the **Named Insured** by providing advance written notice to the **Insurer** stating when thereafter such cancellation shall be effective. If this Policy is canceled by the **Named Insured**, the **Insurer** may retain the customary short rate proportion of the premium herein.
- 2. This Policy may be canceled by the **Insurer** for non-payment of any premium when due. The **Insurer** shall provide at least 10 days written notice to the **Named Insured** prior to any cancellation for non-payment of premium. The notice as aforementioned shall be sufficient notice and the effective date of cancellation stated in the notice shall become the end of the **Policy Period**. If the **Insurer** cancels, earned premium shall be computed pro rata.

G. NON-RENEWAL

If the **Insurer** elects not to renew this Policy, the **Insurer** shall mail or deliver a notice of non-renewal stating the reason for non-renewal to the **Named Insured**, at the last mailing address known to the **Insurer**, at least 30 days before the expiration of this Policy. Notice of non-renewal need not be provided to the **Named Insured** if the **Named Insured** has replaced coverage elsewhere or requested termination in writing.

H. OTHER INSURANCE

This Policy shall be excess over any other valid insurance whether such other insurance is stated to be primary, contributory, excess, contingent, self-insurance or otherwise, unless such other insurance is written only as specific excess insurance over the limits of liability provided in this Policy.

I. ACTION AGAINST THE COMPANY

- 1. No action shall lie against the **Insurer** unless, as a condition precedent thereto, the **Insureds** have fully complied with all terms of this Policy and until the amount of the **Insureds**' obligations to pay shall have been finally determined either by judgment against the **Insured** after actual trial or by written agreement of the **Named Insured**, all claimants and the **Insurer**.
- 2. Nothing contained in this Policy shall give any person or organization any right to join the **Insurer** as a party in any action against any **Insured** to determine any **Insured's** liability.



J. MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS AND THE ADDITION OF NEW ATTORNEY(S)

- 1. If, during the **Policy Period** any of the following transactions occur:
 - a. The acquisition of any **Named Insured** or a majority of its assets, by another entity, or the merger or consolidation of any **Named Insured** into or with another entity, such that the **Named Insured** is not the surviving entity; or
 - b. The appointment of a receiver, conservator, trustee, liquidator or rehabilitator, or any similar official, for or with respect to any **Named Insured**;

then coverage under this Policy shall cease with respect to **Professional Services** rendered after such transaction. After any such transaction, this Policy may not be canceled by any **Insured** and the entire premium for this Policy will be deemed fully earned.

- 2. If during the **Policy Period** there is a 50 percent or greater change in the **Named Insured's** total lawyer population, or the **Named Insured** acquires the majority of the assets of another entity or acquires any organization by merger into or consolidation with the **Named Insured**, no coverage shall be afforded under this Policy for any **Claim** involving the assets acquired or the entity which is consolidated or merged with or acquired, unless:
 - a. the **Named Insured** provides written notice of such transaction within 30 days after the effective date of the transaction and the **Named Insured** provides all information the **Insurer** deems necessary and accepts any terms, conditions, exclusions and any additional premium charged; and
 - b. the **Insurer**, at its sole discretion, specifically agrees, in writing, to provide such coverage.

If the **Insurer** agrees to provide such coverage, it shall apply only to **Professional Services** rendered after the effective date of such transaction and shall apply as excess of any other valid and collectible insurance.

Notice to the **Insurer** under this section J.2.a. shall not be required if the total lawyer population of the **Named Insured**, after the transaction, is less than 4 lawyers.

K. APPLICATION REPRESENTATIONS

The **Insureds** and the **Insurer** agree that the **Application** is the basis for this Policy and is incorporated in and constitutes a part of this Policy. The **Application** shall be maintained on file with the **Insurer** and shall be deemed to be attached hereto as if physically attached. All **Insureds** represent that the statements and representations contained in the **Application** are true and shall be deemed material to the acceptance of the risk and this Policy is issued in reliance upon the truth and accuracy of such statements and representations. All **Insureds** agree that if the **Application** contains statements or representations that are untrue, this Policy shall be void and of no effect whatsoever.

L. REPRESENTATION BY NAMED INSURED

It is agreed the **Named Insured** shall act on behalf of all **Insureds** with respect to giving or receiving notice of cancellation or non-renewal, the payment of premiums and the receiving of any return premiums, consenting to the settlement of any **Claim**, agreeing to any changes in this Policy, and electing whether or not to purchase the Supplemental Extended Reporting Period.



M. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

By acceptance of this Policy, the **Insureds** and the **Insurer** agree that this Policy (including the **Application**) and any written endorsements attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between the parties.

N. BANKRUPTCY OR INSOLVENCY

Bankruptcy or insolvency of any **Insured** or of any **Insured's** estate shall not relieve the **Insurer** of any of its obligations hereunder.

O. TERRITORY

This Policy applies to **Wrongful Acts** that occur anywhere in the world provided **Claim** is made and suit or arbitration proceedings are brought against the **Insured** in the United States of America, its territories or possessions or Canada.

P. SERVICE OF SUIT CLAUSE

We appoint the highest state official in charge of insurance affairs (Commissioner of Insurance, Director of Insurance, Insurance Commissioner, Executive Secretary, Superintendent of Insurance, or such other official title as designated by the state) of the insured's domiciliary state and his/her successor or successors in office as his/her and their duly authorized deputies, as our true and lawful attorney in and for the aforesaid state, upon whom all lawful process may be served in any action, suit or proceeding instituted in the insured's domiciliary state by or on behalf of any insured or beneficiary against us arising out of this insurance policy, provided a copy of any process, suit, complaint or summons is sent by certified or registered mail to:

Concepcion Liliana Valenzuela Secretary & Associate General Counsel Torus Insurance Harborside Financial Center Plaza Five, Suite 2600 Jersey City, New Jersey 07311 Facsimile: (201) 743-7702 Tel: (201) 743-7749 Email: cvalenzuela@torus.com

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **Insurer** has caused this Policy to be signed by its President and Secretary, and, if required by state law, this Policy will not be valid unless countersigned by a duly authorized representative of the **Insurer**.

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Secretary

President