

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 22-254

APPROVING AND RATIFYING 2022 CONTRACTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, Snohomish County entered into an agreement on February 07, 2022 for indigent legal defense services with Alford and Assoc. PLLC for \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the agreement was executed under Snohomish County Code 3.04.190 as the total amount was \$25,000 or less; and

WHEREAS, the agreement with Alford and Assoc. PLLC requires additional expenditure above \$25,000 which now requires Council approval via motion to allow expenditure above \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, sufficient budget authority exists in the 2022 Adopted Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council hereby approves and ratifies the signature of the Snohomish County Executive, or designee, to the Contracts for Legal Services referenced above, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

Council Chair

ATTEST:

Asst. Clerk of the Council

CONTRACTOR: ALFORD AND ASSOC., PLLC
CONTACT: Crystal Alford
ADDRESS: 6409 – Fleming Street
Everett, WA 98203

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 425-670-0800

COUNTY DEPT: OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE

CONTRACT CONTACT PERSON: JASON SCHWARZ, DIRECTOR

TELEPHONE/FAX NUMBER: 425-388-3032

PROJECT: GUARDIANSHIPS

AMOUNT: Fee for Services per Schedule B

CONTRACT DURATION: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Extension period of two (2) additional one (1) year terms

CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is made by and between SNOHOMISH COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Washington (the “County”) and Alford and Assoc, PLLC, a Washington professional limited liability corporation (the “Contractor”). In consideration of the terms and conditions set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Definition: "Administrator" means the Director of the Office of Public Defense or his designee.
2. Scope of Services to be Performed. The purpose of this agreement is to provide indigent representation services for parents and/or minors in Minor Guardianship actions pursuant to chapter 11.130 RCW. The scope of services is as defined in Schedule A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

The services shall be performed in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement, the generally accepted practices prevailing in the western Washington region in the occupation or industry in which the Contractor practices or operates at the time the services are performed and the Rules of Professional Conduct. The Contractor shall perform the work in a timely manner and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Any materials or equipment used by the Contractor in connection with performing the services shall be of good quality. The Contractor represents that it is fully qualified to perform the services to be performed under this Agreement in a competent and professional manner.

The Contractor will prepare and present status reports and other information regarding performance of the Agreement as the County may request.

3. Duration of Contract. This Contract shall govern services from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. Unless terminated as provided herein, the term of this Contract may be extended or renewed for up to two (2) additional one (1) year terms, at the sole discretion of the Administrator by written notice to the Contractor. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the County's obligations after December 31, 202, are contingent upon local legislative appropriation of necessary funds for this specific purpose in accordance with the County Charter and applicable law.
4. Compensation: The County will pay the Contractor for services provided hereunder as set forth in Schedule B attached hereto and by this reference made part of the Contract.
5. Independent Contractor. The Contractor agrees that the Contractor, its agents, representatives, and employees will perform the services under this Contract as an independent contractor and not as an agent, employee, or servant of the County. The parties agree that the Contractor, its agents, representatives, and employees is not entitled to any benefits or rights enjoyed by employees of the County. The Contractor specifically has the right to direct and control the Contractor's own activities in providing the agreed services in accordance with the specification set out in this Contract. The County shall only have the right to ensure performance.
6. Changes. No changes or additions shall be made in this Contract except as agreed to by both parties, reduced to writing and executed with the same formalities as are required for the execution of this Contract.
7. Representation and Warranty. The Contractor represents and warrants that any attorney employed by the Contractor and providing services under the terms of this Agreement is a member in good standing of the Washington State Bar Association, and that no disciplinary proceedings are pending against him/her. Any attorneys employed by Contractor and providing services under the terms of this Agreement shall maintain good standing with the Washington State Bar Association throughout the duration of this Agreement. Any attorney employed by the Contractor and providing services under the terms of this Agreement will abide by the Rules of Professional Conduct.
8. Access to Books/Records. The County may, at reasonable times, inspect the books and records of the Contractor relating to performance of this Contract. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as constituting a waiver of the attorney-client and/or work product privilege. The Contractor shall keep all records required by this Contract for seven (7) years after termination of this Contract for audit purposes.
9. Hold Harmless and Indemnity. The Contractor shall hold harmless, indemnify and defend the County, its officers, officials, employees and agents, from and against any and all claims, actions, suits, liability, loss, expenses, damages and judgments of any nature whatsoever, including costs and attorney's fees in defense thereof, for injury, sickness,

disability or death to persons or damage to property or business, caused by or arising out of the Contractor's acts, errors or omissions in the performance of this agreement, or those of Contractor's employees, agents, or subcontractors. PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the Contractor's obligation hereunder shall not extend to injury, sickness, death or damage caused by or arising out of the sole negligence of the County, its officers, officials, employees or agents. PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event of the concurrent negligence of the parties, the Contractor's indemnity obligations hereunder shall apply only to the percentage of fault attributable to the Contractor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors.

With respect to the Contractor's obligations to hold harmless, indemnify and defend provided for herein, but only as such obligations relate to claims, actions or suits filed against the County, the Contractor further agrees to waive its immunity under the Industrial Insurance Act, Title 51 RCW, for any injury or death suffered by the Contractor's employees caused by or arising out of the Contractor's acts, errors or omissions in the performance of this agreement. This waiver is mutually negotiated by the parties.

The Contractor's obligation hereunder shall include, but is not limited to, investigating, adjusting, and defending all claims alleging loss from action, error, or omission or breach of any common law, statutory or other delegated duty by the Contractor, Contractor's employees, agents, or subcontractors.

10. Insurance Requirements. The Contractor shall procure by the time of execution of this Contract, and maintain for the duration of this Contract, (i) insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the services hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees, and (ii) a current certificate of insurance and additional insured endorsement when applicable.

a. General. Professional Liability, Errors and Omissions coverage, may be written on a "claims made" basis. If coverage is approved and purchased on a "claims made" basis, the Contractor warrants continuation of coverage, either through policy renewals or the purchase of an extended discovery period, if such extended coverage is available, for not less than three (3) years from the date of completion of the work which is the subject of this Contract.

By requiring the minimum insurance coverage set forth in this Section 9, the County shall not be deemed or construed to have assessed the risks that may be applicable to the Contractor under this Contract. The Contractor shall assess its own risks and, if it deems appropriate and/or prudent, maintain greater limits and/or broader coverage.

b. No Limitation on Liability. The Contractor's maintenance of insurance as required by this Contract shall not be construed to limit the liability of the Contractor to

the coverage provided by such insurance, or otherwise limit the County's recourse to any remedy available at law or in equity.

c. Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance. The Contractor shall maintain coverage at least as broad as, and with limits no less than:

(i) Professional Liability: \$1,000,000.

(ii) Insurance coverage must be placed with insurers with a Best's Underwriting Guide rating of no less than A:VIII, or, if not rated in the Best's Underwriting Guide, with minimum surpluses the equivalent of Best's surplus size VIII. Professional Liability, Errors and Omissions insurance coverage, if applicable, may be placed with insurers with a Best's rating of B+:VII. Any exception must be approved by the County.

(iii) Coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, reduced in coverage or in limits until after forty-five (45) calendar days' prior written notice has been given to the County.

(iv) If at any time any of the foregoing policies fail to meet minimum requirements, the Contractor shall, upon notice to that effect from the County, promptly obtain a new policy, and shall submit the same to the County, with the appropriate certificates and endorsements, for approval.

d. Subcontractors. The Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies, or shall furnish separate certificates of insurance and policy endorsements for each subcontractor. Insurance coverages provided by subcontractors instead of the Contractor as evidence of compliance with the insurance requirements of this Contract shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.

11. Compliance with Laws.

a. The Contractor, its agents, representatives, and employees shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws in performing this Contract, including, but not limited to laws against discrimination.

b. The Contractor, its agents, representatives, and employees shall comply with the Snohomish County Human Rights Ordinance, Chapter 2.460 SCC, which is incorporated herein by this reference. Execution of this Contract constitutes a certification by the Contractor of the Contractor's, its agents', representatives', and employees' compliance with the requirements of Chapter 2.460 SCC. If the Contractor, its agents, representatives, and employees, is found to have violated this provision, or furnished false or misleading information in an investigation or proceeding conducted pursuant to Chapter 2.460 SCC, this Contract may be subject to a declaration of default and termination at the County's discretion. This provision shall not affect the Contractor's obligations under other federal, state, or local laws against discrimination.

12. Termination

a. If the Contractor, or any of its agents, representatives, or employees breaches any of its obligations hereunder, and fails to cure the same within five (5) days of written notice to do so by the County, the County may terminate this Contract, in which case the County shall pay the Contractor only for the costs of services accepted by the County, in accordance with paragraph 4.

b. Either party may terminate this Contract upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party for any reasons other than stated in subparagraph "a" above, in which case the County shall pay the Contractor for all services performed by the Contractor pursuant to this Contract prior to the date of termination in accordance with paragraph 4.

c. Prior to termination, the Contractor shall resolve all assigned cases unless otherwise provided as follows:

i. Upon notice of termination, the Contractor shall promptly, but in no event later than three (3) business days after notice of termination, identify in writing to the Administrator the status of the pending case. The report shall include any special circumstances, such as an imminent trial schedule, lengthy or complex litigation needs, special client circumstances, or other client or case-based interests that may require continued representation by the Contractor.

ii. Within six (6) business days after notice of termination, Contractor shall provide Administrator or new counsel with all litigation related files needed to ensure ongoing, effective legal representation.

d. Termination shall not affect the rights of the County under any other paragraph herein.

13. Non Assignment. The Contractor shall not subcontract, assign or delegate, beyond those attorneys employed by the Contractor and providing services under this Agreement, any of the rights, duties or obligations, covered by this Contract without the prior express written consent of the Administrator, which consent may be reasonably withdrawn.

14. Public Records Act. This Agreement and all public records associated with this Agreement shall be available from the County for inspection and copying by the public where required by the Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW (the "Act"). To the extent that public records then in the custody of the Contractor are needed for the County to respond to a request under the Act, as determined by the County, the Contractor agrees to make them promptly available to the County. If the Contractor considers any portion of any record provided to the County under this Agreement, whether in electronic or hard copy form, to be protected from disclosure under law, the Contractor shall clearly identify any specific information that it claims to be confidential or proprietary. If the County receives a request under the Act to inspect or copy the information so identified by the Contractor and the County determines that release of the information is required by the Act or otherwise

appropriate, the County's sole obligations shall be to notify the Contractor (a) of the request and (b) of the date that such information will be released to the requester unless the Contractor obtains a court order to enjoin that disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56.540. If the Contractor fails to timely obtain a court order enjoining disclosure, the County will release the requested information on the date specified.

The County has, and by this section assumes, no obligation on behalf of the Contractor to claim any exemption from disclosure under the Act. The County shall not be liable to the Contractor for releasing records not clearly identified by the Contractor as confidential or proprietary. The County shall not be liable to the Contractor for any records that the County releases in compliance with this section or in compliance with an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

15. Conflicts between Attachments and Text. Should any conflicts exist between any attached exhibit or schedule and the text or main body of this Contract, the text or main body of this Contract shall prevail.
16. Governing Law and Stipulation of Venue. The laws of the State of Washington shall govern this Contract and the parties stipulate that any lawsuit regarding this Contract must be brought in Snohomish County, Washington.
17. Severability. Should any clause, phrase, sentence, or paragraph of this Contract be declared invalid or void, the remaining provisions of this Contract shall remain in full force and effect.
18. Entire Contract. This Contract is the complete expression of the terms and conditions hereunder. Any oral or written representations or understandings not incorporated herein are specifically excluded.

“County”

“Contractor”

SNOHOMISH COUNTY:

ALFORD AND ASSOC., PLLC:



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12/06/2021

County Executive

Date

Date

Approved as to insurance
and indemnification provisions:

/s/ *Diane Baer*

2/1/2022

Risk Management

Date

Approved as to form only:

“/s/ George B. Marsh.”

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Date

Schedule A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

1. Services. Pursuant to an appointment under Section 2 below, the Contractor's agents, representatives, and employees will provide thorough and professional representation. An individual case may not require all of the activities enumerated below; however, underlying each activity, is the expectation that an attorney assigned hereunder will possess knowledge and understanding of current statutes, rules of court, relevant case law, and the policies inherent within them in order to provide legal representation of the individuals for whom they have been appointed.
 - a. Maintain ongoing client contact and timely inform the client of any upcoming motions or other activity within the legal case
 - b. Provide legal representation at all stages of the proceeding, including attending and participating in all scheduled hearings
 - c. Provide legal advice and consultation as needed in a manner and using language that is consistent with the age, maturity level and developmental level of the child
 - d. Conduct legal research as needed
 - e. File pleadings, including petitions, motions, responses, or objections, as necessary to represent the client
 - f. Initiate and respond to discovery requested as required or necessary
 - g. Present and cross-examine witnesses, offer exhibits, and provide independent evidence as appropriate
 - h. Prepare and submit briefs or other appropriate pleadings prior to contested hearings
 - i. Initiate and participate in settlement negotiations to seek an expeditious resolution of the case avoiding continuances and delays
 - j. Attempt to settle any contested issues by initiating and participating in settlement negotiations, including mediation
 - k. Be prepared to endorse, challenge, and amplify any reports submitted to the court
 - l. Ensure that the record reflects objections, reasoning, waivers, and the evidence upon which the court relies, and that it preserves issues for appeal
2. Attorney Registry. When an attorney is required to be appointed pursuant to chapter 11.130 RCW, the Snohomish County Office of Public Defense will manage the appointment from the Court on a rotating system.
3. Case Assignment and Control. The Contractor must provide a copy of any order of appointment or withdrawal to Administrator who will submit final billings to Finance.

Schedule B

COMPENSATION

1. Invoices. The Contractor shall submit to the Administrator properly executed invoices indicating Superior Court case numbers for each cases to which an attorney has been appointed, the total number of service hours per case, and the amount due in accordance with the rate set out below. Invoices shall be submitted no later than ten working days after the month in which the work was performed.
2. Case Fees. The Contractor shall be paid at the rate of one-hundred twenty-five and no/100 Dollars (\$125.00) per hour for services provided under this contract, with an initial maximum of twenty-five (25) hours per case. No payment for additional hours shall be made over without pre-approval by the Administrator.
3. Procedure for Requesting Excess Fees. The Contractor must seek approval for extension of fees by sending a request to the Administrator. The request for excess fees shall be supported by a declaration outlining: (i) the need for excess fees; (ii) the scope of services to be provided; and (iii) the estimated date upon which the service will be completed.



APPROVED

By Diane Baer - Risk Management at 12:15 pm, Feb 01, 2022

**LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY POLICY
DECLARATIONS**

Agency: 775233 Branch: 912 Policy Number: 652030281 Insurance is provided by Continental Casualty Company,
151 North Franklin Street Chicago IL 60606
A Stock Insurance Company.

1. NAMED INSURED AND ADDRESS:

Alford & Associates, PLLC
6409 Fleming Street
Everett, WA 98203

NOTICE TO POLICYHOLDERS:

This is a Claims Made and Reported policy. It applies only to those claims that are both first made against the insured and reported in writing to the Company during the policy period. Please review the policy carefully and discuss this coverage with your insurance agent or broker.

2. POLICY PERIOD:

Inception: 09/01/2021 Expiration: 09/01/2022
at 12:01 A.M. Standard Time at the address shown above

3. LIMITS OF LIABILITY:

Inclusive of Claims Expenses Each Claim: \$1,000,000
Aggregate: \$1,000,000
Death or Disability and Non-Practicing Each Claim: \$1,000,000
Extended Reporting Period Limit of Liability: Aggregate: \$1,000,000

4. DEDUCTIBLES:

Inclusive of Claims Expenses Aggregate: \$2,500

5. POLICY PREMIUM:

Annual Premium: \$4,947.00
Total Amount: \$4,947.00
Includes CNA Risk Control Credit of \$ 0.00

Includes Lawyers Data Breach and Network Security Premium, see coverage endorsement if applicable

6. FORMS AND ENDORSEMENTS ATTACHED AT INCEPTION:

G-118011-A (Ed. 06/2015), G-118012-AC (Ed. 03/1999), CNA-82437-XX (Ed. 06/2015), G-118016-ACC (Ed. 12/2011), G-118024-A (Ed. 04/2008), G-118029-A (Ed. 04/2008), G-118039-A46 (Ed. 01/2012), G-118063-A46 (Ed. 05/2008), G-118064-A46 (Ed. 09/1996)

7. WHO TO CONTACT:

To report a claim:
CNA – Claims Reporting
P.O. Box 8317
Chicago, IL 60680-8317
Fax: 866-773-7504 / Online: www.cna.com/claims
Email: SpecialtyProNewLoss@cna.com
Lawyers Claim Reporting Questions: 800-540-0762

Authorized Representative

07/13/2021
Date



Continental Casualty Company
151 North Franklin Street
Chicago, IL -60606

LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY POLICY

ATTORNEY SCHEDULE

Policy Number: 652030281

Name of Each Lawyer

Brittany Chiechi
Brittany M Tri
Crystal D Alford



LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY POLICY

THIS IS A CLAIMS MADE AND REPORTED POLICY. IT APPLIES ONLY TO THOSE CLAIMS THAT ARE BOTH FIRST MADE AGAINST AN INSURED AND REPORTED IN WRITING TO THE COMPANY DURING THE POLICY PERIOD. PLEASE REVIEW THIS POLICY CAREFULLY AND DISCUSS THIS COVERAGE WITH YOUR INSURANCE AGENT OR BROKER.

I. INSURING AGREEMENT

A. Coverage

The **Company** agrees to pay on behalf of the **Insured** all sums in excess of the deductible that the **Insured** shall become legally obligated to pay as **damages** and **claim expenses** because of a **claim** that is both first made against the **Insured** and reported in writing to the **Company** during the **policy period** by reason of an act or omission in the performance of **legal services** by the **Insured** or by any person for whom the **Insured** is legally liable, provided that:

1. no **Insured** gave notice to a **prior insurer** of such **claim** or a **related claim**;
2. no **Insured** gave notice to a **prior insurer** of any such act or omission or **related act or omission**;
3. prior to the date an **Insured** first becomes an **Insured** under this Policy or became an **Insured** under the first policy issued by the **Company** (or its subsidiary or affiliated insurers) to the **Named Insured** or any **predecessor firm**, whichever is earlier, of which this Policy is a renewal or replacement, no such **Insured** had a basis to believe that any such act or omission, or **related act or omission**, might reasonably be expected to be the basis of such **claim**;
4. there is no other policy, whether primary, contributory, excess, contingent or otherwise, which provides insurance to any **Insured** for the **claim** based on or arising out of an act or omission in the performance of **legal services** by such **Insured** or by any person for whom such **Insured** is legally liable while "affiliated" with a firm other than the **Named Insured**. As used herein, "affiliated" includes acting as Of Counsel for a firm other than the **Named Insured**.

B. Defense

The **Company** shall have the right and duty to defend in the **Insured's** name and on the **Insured's** behalf a **claim** covered by this Policy even if any of the allegations of the **claim** are groundless, false or fraudulent. The **Company** shall have the right to appoint counsel and to make such investigation and defense of a **claim** as is deemed necessary by the **Company**. If a **claim** shall be subject to arbitration or mediation, the **Company** shall be entitled to exercise all of the **Insured's** rights in the choice of arbitrators or mediators and in the conduct of an arbitration or mediation proceeding.

C. Settlement

The **Company** shall not settle a **claim** without the written consent of the **Named Insured**.

D. Exhaustion of limits

The **Company** is not obligated to investigate, defend, pay or settle, or continue to investigate, defend, pay or settle a **claim** after the applicable limit of the **Company's** liability has been exhausted by payment of **damages** or **claim expenses** or by any combination thereof or after the **Company** has deposited the remaining available limits of liability into a court of competent jurisdiction. In such case, the **Company** shall have the right to withdraw from the further investigation, defense, payment or settlement of such **claim** by tendering control of said investigation, defense or settlement of the **claim** to the **Insured**.

II. LIMITS OF LIABILITY AND DEDUCTIBLE

A. Limit of liability - each **claim**

Subject to paragraph B. below, the limit of liability of the **Company** for **damages** and **claim expenses** for each **claim** first made against the **Insured** and reported to the **Company** during the **policy period** shall not exceed the amount stated in the Declarations for each **claim**.

B. Limit of liability - in the aggregate

The limit of liability of the **Company** for **damages** and **claim expenses** for all **claims** first made against the **Insured** and reported to the **Company** during the **policy period** shall not exceed the amount stated in the Declarations as the aggregate.

C. Deductible

The deductible amount stated in the Declarations is the total amount of the **Insured's** liability for all **claims** and applies to the payment of **damages** and **claim expenses** for **claims** first made and reported to the **Company** in writing during the **policy period**. The deductible shall be paid by the **Named Insured**, or upon the **Named Insured's** failure to pay, jointly and severally by all **Insureds**. The limits of liability set forth in the Declarations are in addition to and in excess of the deductible.

If a **claim** is based on or arises out of the rendering of eleemosynary (pro bono) **legal services**, no deductible will apply but only where at the time of retention, there was approval by the appropriate committee or lawyer within the **Named Insured** that the matter would be handled without compensation.

D. Multiple **insureds**, **claims** and claimants

The limits of liability shown in the Declarations and subject to the provisions of this Policy is the amount the **Company** will pay as **damages** and **claim expenses** regardless of the number of **Insureds**, **claims** made or persons or entities making **claims**. If **related claims** are subsequently made against the **Insured** and reported to the **Company**, all such **related claims**, whenever made, shall be considered a single **claim** first made and reported to the **Company** within the **policy period** in which the earliest of the **related claims** was first made and reported to the **Company**.

E. Supplementary payments

Payments made under paragraphs 1., 2. and 3. below will not be subject to the deductible. All supplementary payments are in addition to the limits of liability.

1. Loss of Earnings

The **Company** will reimburse each **Insured** up to \$500 for loss of earnings for each day or part of a day of such **Insured's** attendance, at the **Company's** written request, at a trial, hearing or other alternative dispute resolution proceeding, including arbitration proceeding or mediation, involving a **claim** against such **Insured**, but in no event shall the amount payable hereunder exceed \$15,000 per **Insured** despite the number of days an **Insured** is in attendance, or the number of trials, hearings or arbitration proceedings that an **Insured** is required to attend. In no event shall the amount payable per **policy period** exceed \$50,000 despite the number of **Insureds** hereunder or the number of such proceedings.

2. **Disciplinary Proceedings**

The **Company** will reimburse the **Named Insured** up to \$50,000 for each **Insured** and all **Insureds** in the aggregate, for attorney fees and other reasonable costs, expenses or fees (the "Disciplinary Fees") paid to third parties (other than an **Insured**) resulting from any one **Disciplinary Proceeding** incurred as the result of a notice of such **Disciplinary Proceeding** both first received by the **Insured** and reported in writing to the **Company** either during the **policy period** or within 60 days after termination of the **policy period**, arising out of an act or omission in the rendering of **legal services** by such **Insured**. Except as set forth below, the amount payable hereunder shall not exceed \$100,000 despite the number of such proceedings.

In the event of a determination of **No Liability** of the **Insured** against whom the **Disciplinary Proceeding** has been brought, the **Company** shall reimburse such **Insured** for Disciplinary Fees, including those in excess of the \$50,000 cap set forth above, up to \$100,000. In no event shall the amount payable hereunder exceed \$100,000 despite the number of **Insureds** hereunder or the number of such proceedings.

3. Subpoena Assistance

In the event the **Insured** receives a subpoena for documents or testimony arising out of **legal services** rendered by the **Insured** and the **Insured** would like the **Company's** assistance in responding to the subpoena, the **Insured** may provide the **Company** with a copy of the subpoena and the **Company** will retain an attorney to provide advice regarding the production of documents, to prepare the **Insured** for sworn testimony, and to represent the **Insured** at the **Insured's** depositions, provided that:

- a. the subpoena arises out of a civil lawsuit to which the **Insured** is not a party; and
- b. the **Insured** has not been engaged to provide advice or testimony in connection with such lawsuit, nor has the **Insured** provided such advice or testimony in the past.

The **Company** will pay such attorney's legal fees excluding any disbursements. Any notice the **Insured** gives the **Company** of such subpoena shall be deemed notification of a potential **claim** under Section V.A. of this Policy.

4. Crisis Event Expense

The **Company** will reimburse the **Named Insured** up to \$20,000 for **Crisis Event Expenses** that result from a **Crisis Event** first occurring and reported in writing to the **Company** during the **policy period**.

5. Regulatory Inquiry

If, during the **policy period**, a state licensing board, self regulatory body, public oversight board or a governmental agency with the authority to regulate the **Insured's legal services** or any entity acting on behalf of such entities initiates an investigation of the **Insured** arising from an actual or alleged violation of a **privacy breach notice law** or any law referenced under the definition of **privacy injury and identity theft** that occurred in the rendering of **legal services** and which the **Insured** reports to the **Company** in accordance with Section V.A. of this Policy, the **Company** agrees to pay attorney fees, attorney costs and court costs (excluding such attorney fees and costs incurred as a result of services performed by the **Insured**) incurred in responding to the investigation. The maximum amount the **Company** will pay for such attorney fees and costs is \$20,000, regardless of the number of investigations or the number of **Insureds** who are subject to such investigations.

6. Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007

Subject to the definition of **damages** set forth in Section III. DEFINITIONS of the Policy, the **Company** will reimburse the **Named Insured** for attorney fees and other reasonable costs or expenses incurred in responding to a demand pursuant to the recovery rights of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) under the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (MMSEA). The maximum amount the **Company** will pay for such attorney fees, costs and expenses is \$25,000 per **policy period**, regardless of the number of such demands or the number of **Insureds** who are subject to such demands.

F. Risk Management Incentives

In the event that a **claim** is eligible for more than one Risk Management Incentive, the **Insured** shall receive the benefit of the highest deductible credit. In no way shall this section be construed to afford more than one Risk Management Incentive per **claim**.

1. Mediation

If mediation of a **claim** takes place either without institution of arbitration proceeding or service of suit or within sixty (60) days of the institution of such proceedings or service of suit, and such **claim** is ultimately resolved for an amount acceptable to the **Insured** and the **Company** by the process of mediation, the **Insured's** deductible, applying to the **claim**, will be reduced by 50%. In no event shall the amount of the deductible waived hereunder exceed \$25,000.

2. Engagement Letters

If the **Insured** utilized an engagement letter in connection with the **legal services** that are the subject of a **claim**, and such **claim** is otherwise covered under the Policy, then the **Insured's** deductible applying to such **claim** will be reduced by 50%, provided that the engagement letter:

- a. includes, at a minimum, the following information:
 - i. a specific description of the scope of **legal services** to be performed by the **Insured**;
 - ii. the identity of all clients for whom the **Insured** agreed to perform such **legal services**;
 - iii. the fee arrangement for such **legal services**; and
 - iv. a description of the **Named Insured's** file retention and destruction policy; and
- b. was signed by all clients identified in such engagement letter prior to the **Insured's** commencement of representation of such clients for the **legal services** described in the engagement letter, but in no event more than thirty (30) days after the commencement of such representation.

In no event shall the amount of the deductible waived hereunder exceed \$25,000.

G. Pre-claims Assistance

Until the date a **claim** is made, the **Company** may pay for all costs or expenses it incurs, at its sole discretion, as a result of investigating a potential **claim** that the **Insured** reports in accordance with Section V. CONDITIONS, Paragraph A, Notice, subparagraph 2, Notice of Potential **Claim**. Such payments are in addition to the limits of liability and not subject to the deductible.

III. DEFINITIONS

The following defined words shall have the same meaning throughout this Policy, whether expressed in the singular or the plural. Wherever appearing in bold print in this Policy:

"Bodily injury" means injury to the body, sickness or disease sustained by any person, including death resulting from such injuries; or mental injury, mental anguish, mental tension, emotional distress, pain or suffering or shock sustained by any person whether or not resulting from injury to the body, sickness, disease or death of any person.

"Claim" means a demand, including the service of suit or the institution of any alternative dispute resolution proceeding, received by the **Insured** for money or services arising out of an act or omission, including **personal injury**, in the rendering of or failure to render **legal services**. **"Claim"** also means **privacy claims** and **client network damage claims**.

"Claim expenses" mean:

- A. fees charged by attorneys designated by the **Company** or by the **Insured** with the **Company's** written consent;
- B. all other reasonable and necessary fees, costs and expenses resulting from the investigation, adjustment, defense and appeal of a **claim** if incurred by the **Company**, or by the **Insured** with the written consent of the **Company**, including, but not limited to, premiums for any appeal bond, attachment bond or similar bond but without any obligation of the **Company** to apply for or furnish any such bond;
- C. all costs taxed against an **Insured** in defense of a **claim**; and
- D. all interest on the entire amount of any judgment which accrues after entry of the judgment and before the **Company** has paid that part of the judgment which does not exceed the limits of liability stated in Section II A. above.

Claim expenses with respect to a **claim** will be paid first and payment will reduce the amount available to pay **damages**. **Claim expenses** do not include fees, costs or expenses of employees or officers of the **Company**, other than fees, costs and expenses charged by the **Company's** employed attorneys who may be designated to represent the **Insured**, with the **Insured's** prior consent. Nor shall **claim expenses** include salaries, loss of earnings or other remuneration by or to any **Insured**.

"Client network damage claim" means a demand, including the service of suit or the institution of any alternative dispute resolution proceeding, received by the **Insured** for money or services alleging that a **security breach** or **electronic infection** caused **network damage** to a client's **network** in the rendering of **legal services**.

"Company" means the insurance company named in the Declarations.

“Computer virus” means unauthorized computer code that is designed and intended to transmit, infect and propagate itself over one or more **networks**, and cause:

- A. a computer code or programs to perform in an unintended manner;
- B. the deletion or corruption of electronic data or software; or
- C. the disruption or suspension of a **network**.

“Confidential commercial information” means information that has been provided to the **Insured** by another, or created by the **Insured** for another where such information is subject to the terms of a confidentiality agreement or equivalent obligating the **Insured** to protect such information on behalf of another.

“Crisis event” means:

- A. death, departure or debilitating illness of a **Principal Insured**;
- B. dissolution of the **Named Insured**; or
- C. incident of workplace violence;

that the **Named Insured** reasonably believes will have a material adverse effect upon the **Named Insured’s** reputation.

“Crisis event expenses” means reasonable fees, costs and expenses incurred by the **Named Insured** for consulting services provided by a public relations firm to the **Named Insured** in response to a **Crisis Event**.

“Damages” mean judgments, awards and settlements (including pre-judgment interest), provided any settlements are negotiated with the assistance and approval of the **Company**. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, **Damages** also include those amounts the court is permitted to impose on a debt collector as set forth in 15USC§1692k(a). **Damages** do not include:

- A. legal fees, costs and expenses paid or incurred or charged by any **Insured**, no matter whether claimed as restitution of specific funds, forfeiture, financial loss, set-off or otherwise, and injuries that are a consequence of any of the foregoing;
- B. civil or criminal fines, sanctions, penalties or forfeitures, whether pursuant to law, statute, regulation or court rule, including but not limited to awards under 18 U.S.C. §1961, et. seq., Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 11 or 28 U.S.C. §1927 and state statutes, regulations, rules or law so providing, and injuries that are a consequence of any of the foregoing;
- C. punitive or exemplary amounts;
- D. the multiplied portion of multiplied awards;
- E. injunctive or declaratory relief;
- F. any amount for which an **Insured** is absolved from payment by reason of any covenant, agreement or court order.

“Denial of service attack” means an attack executed over one or more **networks** or the **Internet** that is specifically designed and intended to disrupt the operation of a **network** and render a **network** inaccessible to authorized users.

“Disciplinary Proceeding” means any pending matter, including an initial inquiry, before a state or federal licensing board or a peer review committee to investigate charges alleging a violation of any rule of professional conduct in the performance of **legal services**.

“Electronic infection” means the transmission of a **computer virus** to a **network**, including without limitation, such transmission to or from the **Named Insured’s network**.

“Electronic information damage” means the destruction, deletion or alteration of any information residing on the **network** of any third party.

“Insured” means the **Named Insured, predecessor firm** and the persons or entities described below:

- A. any lawyer (including a government affairs advisor or lobbyist), partnership, professional corporation, professional association, limited liability company or limited liability partnership who is or becomes a partner, officer, director, stockholder-employee, associate, manager, member or **employee** of the **Named Insured** during the **policy period** shown in the Declarations;
- B. any lawyer previously affiliated with the **Named Insured** or a **predecessor firm** as a partner, officer, director, stockholder-employee, associate, manager, member or salaried employee but only for **legal services** performed on behalf of the **Named Insured** or a **predecessor firm** at the time of such affiliation. The term “previously affiliated” as used herein does not include a lawyer who, during the **policy period** and

while affiliated with the **Named Insured**: a) voluntarily ceases, permanently and totally, the private practice of law; or b) dies or becomes **totally and permanently disabled**. Such an lawyer will be deemed to be an **Insured** under paragraph A. above;

- C. any lawyer, law firm, partnership, professional corporation, professional association, limited liability company or limited liability partnership who acts as Of Counsel to the **Named Insured** or any non-employee independent contractor attorney to the **Named Insured**, but only for **legal services** rendered on behalf of the **Named Insured** and only if a fee inured or, in the event of a contingency fee, would have inured, to the **Named Insured**. No fee need inure to the **Named Insured** where eleemosynary (pro bono) **legal services** are rendered by such Of Counsel **Insured** where at the time of retention, there was approval by the appropriate committee or lawyer within the **Named Insured** that the matter would be handled without compensation. Any lawyer, law firm, partnership, professional corporation, professional association, limited liability company or limited liability partnership who previously qualified as an **Insured** under paragraph A. above, but gave up the position of partner, officer, director, stockholder-employee, associate, manager, member or **employee** to act exclusively as Of Counsel to the **Named Insured**, will be deemed to be an **Insured** under paragraph A. above;
- D. any person who is a former or current employee, other than an employed lawyer, of the **Named Insured** or any **predecessor firm**, but solely for services performed by such person within the course and scope of their employment by the **Named Insured** or any **predecessor firm** and provided that the services in dispute are **legal services** of the **Named Insured** or any **predecessor firm**;
- E. the estate, heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and legal representatives of an **Insured** in the event of such **Insured's** death, incapacity, insolvency or bankruptcy, but only to the extent that such **Insured** would have been provided coverage under this Policy; and
- F. the spouse or domestic partner of an **Insured**, but only to the extent that such **Insured** is provided coverage under this Policy.

"Internet" means the worldwide public **network** of computers as it currently exists or may be manifested in the future, but **Internet** does not include the **Named Insured's network**.

"Legal services" mean:

- A. those services, including eleemosynary (pro bono) services, performed by an **Insured** for others as a lawyer, arbitrator, mediator, title agent or other neutral fact finder or as a notary public. Any title agency or company, on whose behalf the **Insured** acts as title agent or designated issuing attorney, is not an **Insured** under this Policy;
- B. those services performed by an **Insured** as an administrator, conservator, receiver, executor, guardian, trustee or in any other fiduciary capacity and any investment advice given in connection with such services;
- C. those services performed by an **Insured** in the capacity as a member, director or officer of any professional legal association, including any Bar Association and any similar organization or association, its governing board or any of its committees;
- D. those services performed by an **Insured** as an expert witness, provided that such **Insured** was retained to offer expert opinion on issues related to the law, legal procedure or practice, or the legal profession; or
- E. those services performed by an **Insured** as an author or publisher of legal research papers or legal materials or the presenter of legal seminars or materials, but only where such services are performed without compensation or compensation attributable per publication, presentation or seminar is less than \$25,000.

"Named Insured" means the persons and entities designated in the Declarations.

"Network" means a party's local or wide area network owned or operated by or on behalf of or for the benefit of that party; provided, however, **network** shall not include the **Internet**, telephone company networks, or other public infrastructure network.

"Network Damage" means:

- A. the unscheduled and unplanned inability of an authorized user to gain access to a **network**;
- B. **electronic information damage**; or
- C. the suspension or interruption of any **network**.

"Non-public personal information" means personal information not available to the general public from which an individual may be identified, including without limitation, an individual's name, address, telephone number, social security number, account relationships, account numbers, account balances, and account histories.

"Personal injury" means an injury arising out of: false arrest, detention, or imprisonment; wrongful entry, or eviction, or other invasion of the right of private occupancy; libel, slander, or other disparaging or defamatory materials; a writing or saying in violation of an individual's right to privacy; malicious prosecution or abuse of process.

"Policy period" means the period of time between the inception date and time shown in the Declarations and the date and time of termination, expiration or cancellation of this Policy.

"Predecessor firm" means any sole proprietorship, partnership, professional corporation, professional association, limited liability corporation or limited liability partnership engaged in **legal services** and:

- A. to whose financial assets and liabilities the firm listed as the **Named Insured** in the Declarations is the majority successor in interest;
- B. of which the **Named Insured** retained 50% or more of the lawyers; or
- C. was previously deemed to be a predecessor firm under the lawyers professional liability policy issued by the **Company** immediately preceding this Policy.

"Principal Insured" means an **Insured** member of the board of managers, director, executive officer, natural person partner, owner of a sole proprietorship, principal, risk manager or in-house general counsel of the **Named Insured**.

"Prior insurer" means an insurer, including the **Company** and any subsidiary or affiliate of the **Company**, who has issued a lawyers professional liability insurance policy that is applicable to a **claim**, such policy having an inception date prior to the **policy period**.

"Privacy breach notice law" means any statute or regulation that requires an entity who is the custodian of **non-public personal information** to provide notice to individuals of any actual or potential privacy breach with respect to such **non-public personal information**. **Privacy breach notice laws** include Sections 1798.29 and 1798.82-1798.84 of the California Civil Code (formerly S.B. 1386) and other similar laws in any jurisdiction.

"Privacy claim" means a demand, including the service of suit or the institution of any alternative dispute resolution proceeding, received by the **Insured** for money or services and alleging **privacy injury and identity theft** that occurred in the rendering of **legal services**.

"Privacy injury and identity theft" means:

- A. any unauthorized disclosure of, inability to access, or inaccuracy with respect to, **non-public personal information** in violation of:
 - 1. the **Named Insured's privacy policy**; or
 - 2. any federal, state, foreign or other law, statute or regulation governing the confidentiality, integrity or accessibility of **non-public personal information**, including but not limited, to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, or the EU Data Protection Act.
- B. the **Insured's** failure to prevent **unauthorized access** to **confidential commercial information**;

"Privacy policy" means the **Named Insured's** policies in written or electronic form that:

- A. govern the collection, dissemination, confidentiality, integrity, accuracy or availability of **non-public personal information**; and
- B. the **Insured** provides to its clients, customers, employees or others who provide the **Insured** with **non-public personal information**.

"No Liability" means that with respect to an **Insured** who is the subject of a **Disciplinary Proceeding**, there is a:

- A. final determination of no liability;
- B. a determination of no further action; or
- C. the matter is abandoned by the disciplinary authority.

In no event shall the term **"No Liability"** apply to a **Disciplinary Proceeding** for which a settlement has occurred.

"Related acts or omissions" mean all acts or omissions in the rendering of **legal services** that are temporally, logically or causally connected by any common fact, circumstance, situation, transaction, event, advice or decision.

"Related claims" mean all **claims** arising out of a single act or omission or arising out of **related acts or omissions** in the rendering of **legal services**.

“**Security breach**” means the failure of the **Named Insured’s network** hardware, software, firmware, the function or purpose of which is to:

- A. identify and authenticate parties prior to accessing the **Named Insured’s network**;
- B. control access to the **Named Insured’s network** and monitor and audit such access;
- C. protect against **computer viruses**;
- D. defend against **denial of service attacks** upon the **Named Insured** or unauthorized use of the **Named Insured’s network** to perpetrate a **denial of service attack**; or,
- E. ensure confidentiality, integrity and authenticity of information on the **Named Insured’s network**.

“**Totally and permanently disabled**” means that an **Insured** is so disabled as to be wholly prevented from rendering **legal services** provided that such disability:

- A. has existed continuously for not less than six (6) months; and
- B. is reasonably expected to be continuous and permanent.

“**Unauthorized access**” means any accessing of information in the **Insured’s** care, custody or control by unauthorized persons or by authorized persons accessing or using such information in an unauthorized manner.

Unauthorized access also includes:

- A. theft from the **Insured** of any information storage device used by the **Insured** to:
 - 1. store and retrieve information on the **Insured’s network**; or
 - 2. transport information between the **Insured** and authorized recipients;
- B. any unauthorized use by the **Insured** of information in the **Insured’s** clients’ care, custody or control if accessed by the **Insured** in the course of rendering **legal services**.

IV. EXCLUSIONS

This Policy does not apply:

A. Intentional Acts

to any **claim** based on or arising out of any dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, malicious act or omission or intentional wrongdoing by an **Insured** except that:

- 1. this exclusion shall not apply to **personal injury**;
- 2. the **Company** shall provide the **Insured** with a defense of such **claim** unless or until the dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, malicious act or omission or intentional wrongdoing has been determined by any trial verdict, court ruling, regulatory ruling or legal admission, whether appealed or not. Such defense will not waive any of the **Company’s** rights under this Policy. Criminal proceedings are not covered under this Policy regardless of the allegations made against any **Insured**;
- 3. this exclusion will not apply to any **Insured** who is not found to have personally committed the dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, malicious act or omission or intentional wrongdoing by any trial verdict, court ruling, or regulatory ruling.

B. Bodily Injury/Property Damage

to any **claim** for **bodily injury**, or injury to, or destruction of, any tangible property, including the loss of use resulting therefrom except that this exclusion of **bodily injury** does not apply to mental injury, mental anguish, mental stress, humiliation or emotional distress caused by **personal injury**;

C. Status as Beneficiary or Distributee

to any loss sustained by an **Insured** or **claim** made against an **Insured** as beneficiary or distributee of any trust or estate;

D. Contractual Liability

to any **claim** based on or arising out of an **Insured’s** alleged liability under any oral or written contract or agreement, unless such liability would have attached to any **Insured** in the absence of such agreement;

E. Insured vs. Insured

to any **claim** by or on behalf of an **Insured** under this Policy against any other **Insured** hereunder unless such **claim** arises out of **legal services** by an **Insured** rendered to such other **Insured** as a client;

F. Capacity as Director, Officer, Fiduciary

to any **claim** based on or arising out of an **Insured's** capacity as:

1. a former, existing or prospective officer, director, shareholder, partner, manager or member (or any equivalent position) of any entity if such entity is not named in the Declarations; or
2. a trustee of a pension, welfare, profit-sharing, mutual or investment fund or investment trust; or
3. a fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and its amendments or any regulation or order issued pursuant thereto or any other similar state or local law;

except that this exclusion does not apply to a **claim** based on or arising out of an **Insured's** capacity as a member, director or officer of any professional legal association, including any Bar Association and any similar organization or association, its governing board or any of its committees.

G. Capacity as Public Official

to any **claim** based on or arising out of an **Insured's** capacity as a public official or an employee or representative of a governmental body, subdivision or agency unless such **Insured** is deemed as a matter of law to be a public official or employee or representative of such entity solely by virtue of rendering **legal services** to it;

H. Owned Entity

to any **claim** based on or arising out of **legal services** performed, directly or indirectly, for any entity not named in the Declarations, if at the time of the act or omission giving rise to the **claim**, the percentage of ownership interest, direct or indirect, in such entity by any **Insured**, or an accumulation of **Insureds**, exceeded 10%.

V. CONDITIONS

A. Notice

1. Notice of **Claims**

The **Insured**, as a condition precedent to the obligations of the **Company** under this Policy, shall as soon as reasonably possible after learning of a **claim** give written notice to the **Company** during the **policy period** of such **claim**. The **Company** agrees that the **Insured** may have up to, but not to exceed, sixty (60) days after the Policy expiration to report a **claim** made against the **Insured** during the **policy period** if the reporting of such **claim** is as soon as reasonably possible.

2. Notice of Potential **Claims**

If during the **policy period** the **Insured** becomes aware of any act or omission that may reasonably be expected to be the basis of a **claim** against the **Insured** and gives written notice to the **Company** of such act or omission and the reasons for anticipating a **claim**, with full particulars, including but not limited to:

- a. the specific act or omission;
- b. the dates and persons involved;
- c. the identity of anticipated or possible claimants;
- d. the circumstances by which the **Insured** first became aware of the possible **claim**,

then any such **claim** that arises out of such reported act or omission and that is subsequently made against the **Insured** and reported to the **Company** shall be deemed to have been made at the time such written notice was given to the **Company**.

B. Reimbursement of the Company

Subject always to the **Insured's** right to consent to settlement, as set forth in Section I. INSURING AGREEMENT, paragraph C, Settlement, if the **Company**, in the exercise of its discretion and without any obligation to do so, pays any amount within the amount of the deductible, the **Named Insured**, or upon the **Named Insured's** failure to pay, the **Insureds**, jointly and severally, shall be liable to the **Company** for any and all such amounts and, upon demand, shall pay such amounts to the **Company**.

C. Territory

This Policy applies to an act or omission taking place anywhere in the world, provided that the **claim** is made and suit is brought against the **Insured** within the United States of America, including its territories, possessions, Puerto Rico or Canada.

D. Other insurance

If there is other insurance that applies to the **claim**, this insurance shall be excess over such other valid and collectible insurance whether such insurance is stated to be primary, contributory, excess, contingent or otherwise. When there is such other insurance, the **Company** will pay only its share of the amount of any **damages** and **claim expenses**, if any, that exceed the sum of:

1. the total amount that all such other insurance would pay for with respect to such **claim** in the absence of this insurance; and
2. the total of all deductible and self-insured amounts under all that other insurance.

This paragraph does not apply to any other insurance that was bought specifically to apply in excess of the Limits of Liability shown in the Declarations of this Policy.

When this insurance is excess, the **Company** will have no duty under this Policy to defend the **Insured** against any **claim** if any other insurer has a duty to defend the **Insured** against that **claim**. If no other insurer defends, the **Company** will undertake to do so, but it will be entitled to the **Insured's** rights against all those other insurers.

E. Assistance and cooperation of the Insured

1. The **Insured** shall cooperate with the **Company** and, upon the **Company's** request, shall attend hearings and trials and shall assist in effecting settlements, securing and giving of evidence, obtaining the attendance of witnesses, and the conduct of suits and proceedings in connection with a **claim**.
2. The **Insured** shall assist in the enforcement of any right of contribution or indemnity against any person or organization who or which may be liable to any **Insured** in connection with a **claim**.
3. The **Insured** shall not, except at its own cost, voluntarily make any payment, assume or admit any liability or incur any expense without the consent of the **Company**.

F. Action against the Company

No action shall lie against the **Company** by any third party, unless, as a condition precedent thereto:

1. there shall have been full compliance with all the terms of this Policy; and
2. the **Insured's** obligation to pay shall have been finally determined either by judgment against the **Insured** after actual trial or by written agreement of the **Insured**, the claimant and the **Company**.

Any person or organization or the legal representative thereof who has secured such judgment or written agreement shall thereafter be entitled to recover under this Policy to the extent of the insurance afforded by this Policy. No person or organization shall have any right under this Policy to join the **Company** as a party to any action against an **Insured**, nor shall the **Company** be impleaded by the **Insured** or his legal representative.

G. Bankruptcy or Insolvency

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

H. Subrogation

In the event of any payment under this Policy, the **Company** shall be subrogated to all the **Insured's** rights of recovery thereof against any person or organization. The **Insured** shall execute and deliver instruments and papers and do whatever else is necessary to secure and collect upon such rights. The **Insured** shall do nothing to prejudice such rights.

I. Changes

Notice to any of the **Company's** agents or knowledge possessed by any such agent or any other person shall not act as a waiver or change in any part of this Policy. It also will not prevent the **Company** from asserting any rights under the provisions of this Policy. None of the provisions of this Policy will be waived, changed or modified except by written endorsement, signed by the **Company**, issued to form a part of this Policy.

J. Assignment

No assignment of interest of the **Insured** under this Policy shall be valid, unless the written consent of the **Company** is endorsed hereon.

K. Cancellation/ Nonrenewal

1. This Policy may be canceled by the **Named Insured** by returning it to the **Company**. The **Named Insured** may also cancel this Policy by written notice to the **Company** stating at what future date cancellation is to be effective.
2. The **Company** may cancel or non-renew this Policy by written notice to the **Named Insured** at the address last known to the **Company**. The **Company** will provide written notice at least sixty (60) days before cancellation or non-renewal is to be effective. If the **Company** cancels this Policy because the **Insured** has failed to pay a premium when due or has failed to pay amounts in excess of the limit of the **Company's** liability or within the amount of the deductible, this Policy may be canceled by the **Company** by mailing to the **Named Insured** written notice stating when, not less than ten (10) days thereafter, such cancellation shall be effective. The time of surrender of this Policy or the effective date and hour of cancellation stated in the notice shall become the end of the **policy period**. Delivery (where permitted by law) of such written notice either by the **Named Insured** or by the **Company** shall be equivalent to mailing.
3. If the **Company** cancels this Policy, the earned premium shall be computed pro rata. If the **Named Insured** cancels this Policy, the **Company** shall retain the customary short rate proportion of the premium. Premium adjustment may be made either at the time cancellation is effected or as soon as practicable after cancellation becomes effective, but payment or tender of unearned premium is not a condition of cancellation.
4. The offering of terms and conditions different from the expiring terms and conditions shall not constitute a refusal to renew.

L. Entire contract

By acceptance of this Policy the **Insured** agrees that:

1. all of the information and statements provided to the **Company** by the **Insured** are true, accurate and complete and shall be deemed to constitute material representations made by all of the **Insureds**;
2. this Policy is issued in reliance upon the **Insured's** representations;
3. this Policy, endorsements thereto, together with the completed and signed application and any and all supplementary information and statements provided by the **Insured** to the **Company** (all of which are deemed to be incorporated herein) embody all of the agreements existing between the **Insured** and the **Company** and shall constitute the entire contract between the **Insured** and the **Company**; and

4. the misrepresentation of any material matter by the **Insured** or the **Insured's** agent will render this Policy null and void and relieve the **Company** from all liability herein.

M. **Named Insured** sole agent

The **Named Insured** shall be the sole agent of all **Insureds** hereunder for the purpose of effecting or accepting any notices hereunder, any amendments to or cancellation of this Policy, for the completing of any applications and the making of any statements, representations and warranties, for the payment of any premium and the receipt of any return premium that may become due under this Policy, and the exercising or declining to exercise any right under this Policy.

N. Liberalization

If the **Company** adopts any revision that would broaden coverage under this policy form G-118011-A without additional premium at any time during the **policy period**, the broadened coverage will immediately apply to this Policy except that it will not apply to **claims** that were first made against the **Insured** prior to the effective date of such revision.

O. Notices

Any notices required to be given by an **Insured** shall be submitted in writing to the **Company** or its authorized representative. If mailed, the date of mailing of such notice shall be deemed to be the date such notice was given and proof of mailing shall be sufficient proof of notice.

P. Trade and Economic Embargoes

This policy does not provide coverage for **Insureds**, transactions or that part of **damages** or **claims expenses** that is uninsurable under the laws or regulations of the United States concerning trade or economic sanctions.

VI. **EXTENDED REPORTING PERIODS**

As used herein, "**extended reporting period**" means the period of time after the end of the **policy period** for reporting **claims** that are made against the **Insured** during the applicable **extended reporting period** by reason of an act or omission that occurred prior to the end of the **policy period** and is otherwise covered by this Policy.

A. Automatic **extended reporting period**

If this Policy is canceled or non-renewed by either the **Company** or by the **Named Insured**, the **Company** will provide to the **Named Insured** an automatic, non-cancelable **extended reporting period** starting at the termination of the **policy period** if the **Named Insured** has not obtained another policy of lawyers professional liability insurance within sixty (60) days of the termination of this Policy. This automatic extended reporting period will terminate after sixty (60) days.

B. Optional **extended reporting period**

1. If this Policy is canceled or non-renewed by either the **Company** or by the **Named Insured**, then the **Named Insured** shall have the right to purchase an optional **extended reporting period**. Such right must be exercised by the **Named Insured** within sixty (60) days of the termination of the **policy period** by providing:
 - a. written notice to the **Company**; and
 - b. with the written notice, the amount of additional premium described below.
2. The additional premium for the optional **extended reporting period** shall be based upon the rates for such coverage in effect on the date this Policy was issued or last renewed and shall be for one (1) year at 100% of such premium; two (2) years at 150% of such premium; three (3) years at 175% of such premium; six (6) years at 225% of such premium; or, for an unlimited period at 250% of such premium.
3. The premium for the optional **extended reporting period** is due on its effective date. This optional **extended reporting period** is non-cancelable and the entire premium shall be deemed fully earned at its commencement without any obligation by the **Company** to return any portion thereof.

C. Death or disability extended reporting period

1. If an **Insured** dies or becomes **totally and permanently disabled** during the **policy period**, then upon the latter of the expiration of: the **policy period**; any renewal or successive renewal of this Policy; or any automatic or optional **extended reporting period**, such **Insured** shall be provided with a death or disability **extended reporting period** as provided below.
 - a. In the event of death, such **Insured's** estate, heirs, executors or administrators must, within sixty (60) days of the expiration of the **policy period**, provide the **Company** with written proof of the date of death.
 - b. If an **Insured** becomes **totally and permanently disabled**, such **Insured** or **Insured's** legal guardian must, within sixty (60) days of the expiration of the **policy period**, provide the **Company** with written proof that such **Insured** is **totally and permanently disabled**, including the date the disability commenced, certified by the **Insured's** physician. The **Company** retains the right to contest the certification made by the **Insured's** physician, and it is a condition precedent to this coverage that the **Insured** agree to submit to medical examinations by any physician designated by the **Company** at the **Company's** expense. This **extended reporting period** is provided until such **Insured** shall no longer be **totally or permanently disabled** or until the death of such **Insured** in which case subparagraph a. hereof shall apply.
2. No additional premium will be charged for any death or disability **extended reporting period**.

D. Non-practicing extended reporting period

1. If an **Insured** retires or otherwise voluntarily ceases, permanently and totally, the "private practice of law" during the **policy period** and has been continuously insured by the **Company** for at least three (3) consecutive years, then such **Insured** shall be provided with an **extended reporting period** commencing upon the latter of the expiration of: the **policy period**; any renewal or successive renewal of this Policy; or any automatic or optional **extended reporting period**.
2. This **extended reporting period** is provided until such **Insured** shall resume the "private practice of law" or until the death of such **Insured** in which case subparagraph C.1.a. hereof shall apply.
3. No additional premium will be charged for any non-practicing **extended reporting period**.

As used herein, the "private practice of law" means the practice of law performed by an **Insured** for a fee, including hourly, contingent or lump sum, as a sole practitioner or as a partner, officer, director, stockholder-employee, associate, manager, member or employee, of a law firm, or any agreement to act as an independent contractor or "Of Counsel" to a law firm. "Private practice of law" does not include the practice of law by an **Insured** on an eleemosynary (a pro bono) basis or services performed by an **Insured** solely as a mediator or arbitrator.

E. Extended reporting periods limits of liability and deductibles

1. Automatic and optional **extended reporting periods** limits of liability and deductibles
 - a. Where the **Company** has the right to nonrenew or cancel this Policy, and it exercises that right, then the **Company's** liability for all **claims** reported during the automatic and optional **extended reporting periods** shall be part of and not in addition to the limits of liability for the **policy period** as set forth in the Declarations and Section II.A. and B. of this Policy. The deductible applicable to such **claims** shall be part of and not in addition to the deductible as set forth in the Declarations and Section II.C. of this Policy.
 - b. If this Policy is canceled by the **Named Insured** or if the **Company** offers to renew this Policy, and the **Named Insured** refuses such renewal offer, then the **Company's** liability for all **claims** reported during the automatic and optional **extended reporting periods** shall be reinstated to the limits of liability applicable to this Policy as set forth in the Declarations and Section II.A. and B. of this Policy. The deductible applicable to such **claims** shall be reinstated to an amount equal to the deductible as set forth in the Declarations and Section II.C. of this Policy.
2. Separate death or disability and non-practicing **extended reporting period** limits of liability

a. Limit of Liability - Each "Claim"

Subject to paragraph B. below, the **Company's** limit of liability for each **claim** first made against the **Insured** and reported to the **Company** during the death or disability **extended reporting period** or non-practicing **extended reporting period** shall not exceed the amount stated in the Declarations as the "Each **Claim** Death or Disability and Non-Practicing **extended reporting period** limit of liability".

b. Limit of Liability - In the Aggregate

The limit of liability of the **Company** for all **claims** first made against the **Insured** and reported to the **Company** during the death or disability **extended reporting period** or non-practicing **extended reporting period** shall not exceed the amount stated in the Declarations as the "Aggregate Death or Disability and Non-Practicing **extended reporting period** limit of liability".

c. No Deductible

No deductible shall apply to **claims** first made against the **Insured** and reported to the **Company** during the death or disability **extended reporting period** or non-practicing **extended reporting period**.

F. Elimination of right to any **extended reporting period**

There is no right to any **extended reporting period**:

1. if the **Company** shall cancel or refuse to renew this Policy due to:
 - a. non-payment of premiums; or
 - b. non-compliance by an **Insured** with any of the terms and conditions of this Policy; or
 - c. any misrepresentation or omission in the application for this Policy; or,
2. if during the **Policy Period** such **Insured's** right to practice law is revoked, suspended or surrendered at the request of any regulatory authority for reasons other than that the **Insured** is **totally and permanently disabled**.

G. **Extended reporting period** not a new policy

It is understood and agreed that the **extended reporting period** shall not be construed to be a new policy and any **claim** submitted during such period shall otherwise be governed by this Policy.

VII. HEADINGS

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **Company** has caused this Policy to be executed by its Chairman and Secretary, but this Policy shall not be binding upon us unless completed by the attachment of the Declarations.

Chairman



Secretary





SPECIALIZATION ENHANCEMENT ENDORSEMENT

It is understood and agreed that:

I. A **claim expenses** limit of liability is added to the Policy, as follows:

A. The Item on the Declarations entitled **LIMITS OF LIABILITY** is amended to delete the phrase “*Inclusive of claims expenses.*”

B. The Section of the Policy entitled DEFINITIONS is amended by the addition of the following new definition:

Damages limit of liability means the limit of liability applicable to **damages**, and, upon exhaustion of the **claim expenses** limit of liability, to **claim expenses**.

C. The Section of the Policy entitled INSURING AGREEMENT, the subsection entitled Exhaustion of limits, is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

Exhaustion of limits

The **Company** is not obligated to investigate, defend, pay or settle, or continue to investigate, defend, pay or settle a **claim** or pay any **damages** or **claim expenses**, if the **damages limit of liability** has been exhausted by the payment of **damages**, payment of **claim expenses** as set forth in paragraph I.D.2. of this endorsement, or the payment of both **damages** and **claim expenses**; or after the **Company** has deposited the remaining available **damages limits of liability** into a court of competent jurisdiction, even if any **claim expenses** limit of liability remains. In such case, the **Company** shall have the right to withdraw from the further investigation, defense, payment or settlement of such **claim** by tendering control of such investigation, defense or settlement of the **claim** to the **Insured**.

D. The Section of the Policy entitled LIMITS OF LIABILITY AND DEDUCTIBLE is amended as follows:

1. The paragraphs entitled Limit of liability – each **claim** and Limit of liability – in the aggregate are deleted in their entirety and replaced by the following:

Damages limit of liability - each claim

Subject to the aggregate **damages limit of liability** set forth below, the limit of liability of the **Company** for **damages** for each **claim** first made against the **Insured** and reported to the **Company** during the **policy period** shall not exceed the amount stated in the Declarations for each **claim**.

Damages limit of liability - in the aggregate

The limit of liability of the **Company** for **damages** for all **claims** first made against the **Insured** and reported to the **Company** during the **policy period** shall not exceed the amount stated in the Declarations as the aggregate.

2. The following new paragraph is added:

Claim expenses limit of liability – in the aggregate

The limit of liability of the **Company** for the payment of **claim expenses** for all **claims** first made against the **Insured** and reported to the **Company** during the **policy period** shall not exceed the lesser of \$500,000 or an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the each **claim** limit of liability stated on the Declarations. **Claim expenses** under the Policy shall first be applied to such **claim expenses** aggregate limit of liability. If and when such aggregate limit of liability for **claim**



expenses is exhausted by payment of **claim expenses**, then and in that event only shall any remaining **claim expenses** be applied to the applicable **damages limits of liability**.

E. Paragraphs I.A. through I.D. of this endorsement shall not apply if another endorsement attached to this Policy provides for the payment of **claim expenses** outside of the limits of liability stated in the Declarations or sets forth a **claim expenses** limit of liability that is separate from the limits of liability stated in the Declarations.

II. The Section of the Policy entitled INSURING AGREEMENT, the subsection entitled Defense, is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

Defense

The **Company** shall have the right and duty to defend in the **Insured's** name and on the **Insured's** behalf a **claim** covered by this Policy even if any of the allegations of the **claim** are groundless, false or fraudulent. The **Company** and the **Named Insured** shall mutually agree on the appointment of counsel selected from the **Company's** list of Lawyers Professional Liability preferred counsel to investigate and to defend a **claim**. If a **claim** shall be subject to arbitration or mediation, the **Company** and the **Named Insured** shall mutually agree on the choice of arbitrators or mediators and in the conduct of any arbitration or mediation proceeding involving a **claim** covered by the Policy. Either party's agreement to defense counsel, mediators or arbitrators shall not be unreasonably withheld.

III. The Section of the Policy entitled LIMITS OF LIABILITY AND DEDUCTIBLE, the subsection entitled Risk Management Incentives, the paragraph entitled Mediation, is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

Early Resolution:

If a **claim** is settled or finally resolved within 364 days of the reporting of such **claim** to the **Company**, for an amount recommended to the **Insured** by the **Company**, then the **Insured's** deductible, applying to the **claim**, will be reduced by 50%. In no event shall the amount of the deductible waived hereunder exceed \$25,000.

However, the deductible will not be waived if the **claim** is resolved after the commencement of:

- a. a trial in a court of law; or
- b. the first motion for a motion for summary judgment by any party has been filed in a court of law; or
- c. the first evidentiary hearing in binding arbitration of the **Claim**.

To the extent this provision is applicable and the **Insured** has paid more than 50% of the deductible, the **Company** will reimburse the **Insured** the amount paid in excess of 50% of the deductible within 60 days of the final resolution of the **claim**.

All other terms and conditions of the Policy remain unchanged.

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EACH CLAIM DEDUCTIBLE ENDORSEMENT

In consideration of a premium credit, it is understood and agreed that Item 4 of the Declarations is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

4. DEDUCTIBLE: Each **claim**: \$2500 (inclusive of **claims expenses**)

It is further understood and agreed that Section II, LIMITS OF LIABILITY AND DEDUCTIBLE, the first paragraph of letter C. entitled Deductible, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

C. Deductible - Each **Claim**

The deductible amount stated in the Declarations for "each **claim**" applies to each and every **claim** made against an **Insured**. It shall be paid by the **Named Insured** and applies to the payment of **damages** and **claims expenses** for **claims** both first made against the **Insured** and reported to the **Company** in writing during the **policy period**. In the event the **Named Insured** fails to pay, the deductible shall be paid jointly and severally by all **Insureds**. The limits of liability set forth in the Declarations are in addition to and in excess of the deductible.

All other terms and conditions of the Policy remain unchanged.

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NAMED INDIVIDUAL RETROACTIVE DATE ENDORSEMENT

It is understood and agreed that no coverage is afforded under this Policy for any **claims** by reason of an act or omission committed by any person listed below that occurred prior to date listed opposite such person .

<u>Person</u>	<u>Date</u>
Brittany Chiechi	10/09/2018
Brittany M Tri	09/01/2018
Crystal D Alford	09/01/2018

All other terms and conditions of the Policy remain unchanged.

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John S. Brand

By Authorized Representative _____
(No signature is required if issued with the Policy or if it is effective on the Policy Effective Date)



RETROACTIVE EXCLUSION CLAUSE ENDORSEMENT

It is understood and agreed that Section I, Insuring Agreement, Paragraph A., Coverage, is amended to include a new subparagraph as follows:

- The act or omission occurred on or after 09/01/2018.

All other terms and conditions of the Policy remain unchanged.

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By Authorized Representative _____
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LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY POLICY

AMENDMENT OF TERMINATION PROVISIONS -WASHINGTON

It is understood and agreed that Condition K. Cancellation/Nonrenewal is deleted and replaced in its entirety by the following:

K. Cancellation and Nonrenewal

1. Cancellation

- a. This Policy may be canceled by the **Named Insured** by surrendering it to the **Company** or producer. The **Named Insured** may also cancel the Policy by verbal or written notice by mail, fax or e-mail to the **Company** or producer, stating at what future date cancellation is to be effective.

If the **Company** receives notice of cancellation from the **Named Insured**, it must accept and promptly cancel the policy issued as evidence of coverage effective the later of:

- (i) The date notice is received; or
(ii) The date the insured requests cancellation

- b. The **Company** may cancel this Policy by mailing or by delivering a written notice of cancellation, stating the reason for cancellation, to the **Named Insured** and its agent, if any, at the addresses last known to the **Company**. The time of surrender or the effective date and hour of cancellation stated in the notice shall become the end of the policy period. Delivery of such written notice either by the **Named Insured** or by the **Company** shall be equivalent to mailing. Written notice shall be provided at least 45 days prior to the effective date of cancellation.
- c. If the **Company** cancels the Policy due to nonpayment of premium, the **Company** will mail or deliver written notice of cancellation to the **Named Insured** at least 10 days prior to the effective date of cancellation.
- d. If the **Company** cancels the Policy due to failure to pay amounts in excess of the limit of the **Company's** liability or within the amount of the deductible, the **Company** will mail or deliver written notice of cancellation to the **Named Insured** at least 45 days prior to the effective date of cancellation.
- e. Notice of cancellation must also be mailed or delivered to each mortgagee, pledgee or other person shown by the policy to have an interest in any claim which may occur thereunder at the last mailing address known to the **Company**.
- f. If the **Company** cancels this Policy, the earned premium shall be computed pro rata. If the **Named Insured** cancels this Policy, the **Company** shall retain the customary short rate proportion of the premium. Premium adjustment may be made either at the time cancellation is effected or as soon as practicable after cancellation becomes effective, but payment or tender of unearned premium is not a condition of cancellation.

2. Nonrenewal

- a. If the **Company** elects to nonrenew this Policy, the **Company** will mail or deliver written notice of nonrenewal, stating the reason for nonrenewal, to all **Named Insureds** and their agent, if any, at the addresses last known to the **Company**, at least 45 days prior to the expiration date of this Policy, or anniversary date of this Policy if this Policy has been written for a term of more than one year. Delivery of such written notice by the **Company** shall be equivalent to mailing.



- b. If notice of nonrenewal is not provided pursuant to this Condition, the **Company** will renew this Policy unless the **Named Insured** fails to pay the renewal premium after the **Company** has expressed its willingness to renew, including a statement of the renewal premium to the **Named Insured** and its agent, if any, at least 20 days prior to the expiration date; or other coverage acceptable to the Insured has been procured prior to the expiration date of the Policy.
- c. The offering of terms and conditions different from the expiring terms and conditions does not constitute a refusal to renew.

All other terms and conditions of the Policy remain unchanged.

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LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY POLICY PROGRAM

AMENDATORY ENDORSEMENT- WASHINGTON

I. It is understood and agreed that Section V. **CONDITIONS** subsection **H. Subrogation** is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

H. Subrogation

In the event of any payment under this policy, the **Company** shall be subrogated to all the **Insureds'** rights of recovery thereof against any person or organization, but only after the **Insured** have been made whole and are fully compensated for any Loss. The **Insured** shall execute and deliver instruments and papers and do whatever else is necessary to secure and collect upon such rights. The **Insured** shall do nothing to prejudice such rights.

II. It is understood and agreed that Section V. **CONDITIONS** subsection **M. Named Insured Sole agent** is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

M. Named Insured Sole agent

The **Named Insured** shall be the sole agent of all **Insureds** hereunder for the purpose of effecting or accepting any notices hereunder, any amendments to or cancellation of this Policy, for the completing of any applications and the making of any statements, representations and warranties, for the payment of any premium and the receipt of any return premium that may become due under this Policy, and the exercising or declining to exercise any right under this Policy.

However, notice of cancellation must also be mailed or delivered to each mortgagee, pledgee or other person shown by the policy to have an interest in any claim which may occur thereunder at the last mailing address known to the **Company**.

All other terms and conditions of the Policy remain unchanged.

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By Authorized Representative _____
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CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
CNA PLAZA
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60685

LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY POLICY
AMENDATORY ENDORSEMENT - EXTENDED REPORTING PERIODS
WASHINGTON

It is understood and agreed that Extended Reporting Periods Subsection F. Elimination of right to any extended **reporting period** is deleted in its entirety.

All other terms and conditions of the Policy remain unchanged.

POLICY NO.652030281

THIS ENDORSEMENT FORMS A PART OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED POLICY, AND TAKES EFFECT ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE AND HOUR OF SAID POLICY UNLESS ANOTHER EFFECTIVE DATE IS SHOWN BELOW, AND EXPIRES CONCURRENTLY WITH SAID POLICY.

ISSUED TO: ALFORD & ASSOCIATES, PLLC

**EFFECTIVE DATE
OF THIS ENDORSEMENT 09/01/2021**

Complete only when this Endorsement is not prepared with the Policy or is not to be effective with the Policy

Countersigned by _____

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE