

**INSURANCE PROFESSIONALS LIABILITY COVERAGE  
DECLARATIONS**

POLICY NO. XXXXXXXXXXXX

<company name>  
**Hartford, CT**

(A Stock Insurance Company, herein called the Company)

**Important note: This is a claims-made policy. To be covered, a claim must be first made against an Insured during the policy period or any applicable extended reporting period. Defense Expenses may reduce up to 50% of the Limits of Coverage and may be applied to up to 50% of the Deductible. Please read your policy carefully.**

This policy is composed of the Declarations, the Insurance Professionals Liability Coverage, the Professional Liability Terms and Conditions, and any endorsements attached thereto.

<b>ITEM 1</b>	<p><b>NAMED INSURED:</b> &lt;named insured&gt;</p> <p>Principal Address: &lt;address&gt;</p>
<b>ITEM 2</b>	<p><b>POLICY PERIOD:</b> Inception Date: &lt;date&gt;      Expiration Date: &lt;date&gt; 12:01 A.M. standard time both dates at the Principal Address stated in ITEM 1.</p>
<b>ITEM 3</b>	<p><b>ALL NOTICES PURSUANT TO THE POLICY MUST BE SENT TO THE COMPANY BY EMAIL, FACSIMILE, OR MAIL AS SET FORTH BELOW:</b></p> <p>&lt;Email: BSIClaims@travelers.com&gt;</p> <p>&lt;Fax: 1-888-460-6622&gt;</p> <p>&lt;Mail: Travelers Bond &amp; Specialty Insurance Claim P.O. Box 2989 Hartford, CT 06104-2989</p> <p>Overnight Mail: Travelers Bond &amp; Specialty Insurance Claim One Tower Square, MN06 Hartford, CT 06183&gt;</p> <p>&lt;For questions related to claim reporting or handling, please call 1-800-842-8496.&gt;</p>

<b>ITEM 4</b>	<p>COVERAGE INCLUDED AS OF THE INCEPTION DATE IN ITEM 2:</p> <p>Insurance Professionals Liability Coverage</p> <p>Services Performed for Others:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Life, Health, and Accident Insurance Agent or Broker</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Property and Casualty Insurance Agent or Broker</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sale and Servicing of Mutual Funds</p>
<b>ITEM 5</b>	<p>PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY COVERAGE LIMITS:</p> <p>Professional Services and Network and Information Security Offenses Coverage Limits:      \$&lt;amount&gt; for each <b>Claim</b>; not to exceed \$&lt;amount or N/A&gt; for all <b>Claims</b></p> <p>Deductible:      \$&lt;amount&gt; each <b>Claim</b> \$&lt;amount or N/A&gt; all <b>Claims</b></p> <p>Retroactive Date:      &lt;date&gt;</p> <p>Knowledge Date:      &lt;date&gt;</p>
<b>ITEM 6</b>	<p>ADDITIONAL BENEFITS LIMITS:</p> <p>Crisis Event Expenses Limits:      \$10,000 for each <b>Crisis Event</b> \$30,000 for all <b>Crisis Events</b></p> <p>Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceeding Expenses Limits:      \$25,000 for each <b>Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceeding</b> \$50,000 for all <b>Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceedings</b></p>

<b>ITEM 7</b>	PREMIUM FOR THE POLICY PERIOD:  \$<amount> Policy Premium \$<amount or N/A> Annual Installment Premium												
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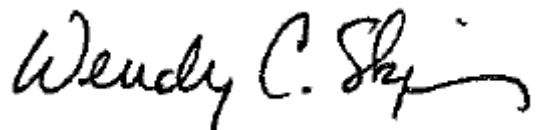
**The Declarations, the Professional Liability Terms and Conditions, the Insurance Professionals Liability Coverage, and any endorsements attached thereto, constitute the entire agreement between the Company and the Insured.**

Countersigned By \_\_\_\_\_

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this policy to be signed by its authorized officers.



President, Bond & Specialty Insurance



Corporate Secretary

**INSURANCE PROFESSIONALS LIABILITY COVERAGE**

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**CONSIDERATION CLAUSE**

**IN CONSIDERATION** of the premium set forth in ITEM 7 of the Declarations, and pursuant to all the terms, exclusions, conditions, and limitations of this policy, the Company and the **Insured** agree as follows:

**I. INSURING AGREEMENT**

The Company will pay on behalf of the **Insured**, **Damages** and **Defense Expenses** for any **Claim** first made during the **Policy Period**, or any extended reporting period that applies, that is caused by a **Wrongful Act** committed on or after any applicable Retroactive Date set forth in ITEM 5 of the Declarations, provided that no **Principal Insured** on the Knowledge Date set forth in ITEM 5 of the Declarations had any basis to believe that such **Wrongful Act** might reasonably be expected to be the basis of a **Claim**.

The Retroactive Date may not be advanced during the time that the claims-made coverage has been continuously in effect with the Company or any affiliated insurance companies, or during any **Automatic Extended Reporting Period** or **Optional Extended Reporting Period**, if either one applies.

**II. SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS**

The Company will pay the following with respect to any **Claim** covered by this policy:

- A.** All expenses incurred by the Company, other than **Defense Expenses**.
- B.** All reasonable expenses incurred by the **Insured** at the Company's request to investigate or defend a **Claim**, provided that the maximum amount available for loss of earnings for time taken off work will not exceed:
  - 1. \$500 per **Insured Person** per day; and
  - 2. \$15,000 per **Policy Year** for all **Insured Persons**.
- C.** The cost of bonds to release attachments that is within the applicable Professional Liability Coverage Limit, provided that the Company will not be the principal under any such bond and will not have any duty to furnish such bond.
- D.** All costs taxed against the **Insured** on that part of a judgment the Company pays.
- E.** The cost of any required appeal bond for that part of a judgment that is for **Damages** to which this policy applies, and that is within the applicable Professional Liability Coverage Limit, provided that:
  - 1. the Company consents to the appeal of such judgment; and
  - 2. the Company will not be the principal under any such bond and will not have any duty to furnish such bond.
- F.** Postjudgment interest, provided that the Company will only pay such interest that accumulates on the full amount of that part of a judgment for which the Company makes a payment, from the date of the judgment to the date the Company pays, or deposits in court, the remaining Professional Liability Coverage Limit that applies to the judgment.

Payment of amounts under section II. SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS will not be subject to a Deductible and will not reduce the applicable Professional Liability Coverage Limits. If the Professional Services and Network and Information Security Offenses Coverage Limits are exhausted by the payment of amounts covered under this policy, the Company will have no further obligation to make payments under section II. SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS.

### III. ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

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The Company will pay the following:

- A. **Crisis Event Expenses** that result from a **Crisis Event** first occurring and reported to the Company during the **Policy Period**.
- B. **Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceeding Expenses** that result from a **Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceeding** first initiated and reported to the Company during the **Policy Period**.

### IV. DEFINITIONS

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Wherever appearing in this policy, the following words and phrases appearing in bold type will have the meanings set forth in section IV. DEFINITIONS:

- A. **Automatic Extended Reporting Period** means the period of time beginning with the effective date of **Termination of Coverage** and ending:
  - 1. 60 days after such **Termination of Coverage** takes effect; or
  - 2. the date any other policy obtained by the **Named Insured** that provides similar coverage for **Professional Services** takes effect,whichever is earlier.
- B. **Claim** means:
  - 1. a demand for money or services;
  - 2. a civil proceeding commenced by service of a complaint or similar pleading; or
  - 3. a written request to toll or waive a statute of limitations relating to a potential civil or administrative proceeding,against any **Insured** for a **Wrongful Act**.

A **Claim** will be deemed to be made on the earliest date such notice thereof is received by any **Principal Insured**.

- C. **Crisis Event** means any event that the **Named Insured** reasonably believes will have a material adverse effect upon the **Named Insured's** reputation.
- D. **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**.
- E. **Damages** means money that an **Insured** is legally obligated to pay as settlements, judgments and compensatory damages or prejudgment interest.

**Damages** does not include the following:

- 1. Civil or criminal fines; sanctions; liquidated damages; payroll or other taxes; penalties; the multiplied portion of any multiplied damage award; equitable or injunctive relief; any return, withdrawal, restitution or reduction of professional fees, profits or other charges; or damages or types of relief deemed uninsurable under applicable law.
- 2. **Defense Expenses**; or
- 3. Punitive or exemplary damages.

- F. *Defense Expenses*** means reasonable and necessary fees, costs and expenses, incurred by the Company, or by the **Insured** with the Company's written consent, that result directly from the investigation, defense, settlement or appeal of a specific **Claim**, provided that **Defense Expenses** do not include any payments made pursuant to section II. SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS of the **Professional Liability Coverage**.
- G. *Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceeding*** means any formal administrative or regulatory proceeding by a disciplinary or regulatory official, board or agency, commenced by filing of a notice of charges, formal investigative order, service of summons or similar document, to investigate charges of professional misconduct in the performance of **Professional Services**.
- H. *Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceeding Expenses*** means reasonable and necessary fees, costs and expenses incurred by any **Insured** to investigate, defend, or appeal any **Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceeding**.
- Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceeding Expenses** do not include:
1. fines, penalties, or sanctions assessed against any **Insured**; or
  2. expenses, salaries, wages, benefits, or overhead of, or paid to, any **Insured**.
- I. *Insured*** means any **Insured Person**, **Named Insured** or **Predecessor Firm**.
- J. *Insured Person*** means any natural person who:
1. is the sole owner of, or is or was a partner in, the **Named Insured** or **Predecessor Firm**;
  2. is or was a member of the board of managers, director, executive officer, or shareholder of the **Named Insured** or **Predecessor Firm**; or
  3. is or was an employee of the **Named Insured** or **Predecessor Firm**,
- provided that such person is or was acting within the scope of their duties on behalf of the **Named Insured** or **Predecessor Firm**.
- K. *Named Insured*** means the person or entity set forth in ITEM 1 of the Declarations.
- L. *Network and Information Security Offense*** means:
1. the failure to prevent the transmission of a computer virus or any other malicious code;
  2. the failure to provide any authorized user of the **Named Insured's** website, or the **Named Insured's** computer or communications network, with access to such website, or computer or communications network; or
  3. failure to prevent unauthorized access to, or use of, data containing private or confidential information of others.
- M. *Optional Extended Reporting Period*** means the period of time specified in the Optional Extended Reporting Period Endorsement, beginning with the effective date of the **Termination of Coverage**.
- N. *Personal Injury Offense*** means any of the following offenses:
1. False arrest, detention or imprisonment.
  2. Malicious prosecution.
  3. The wrongful eviction from, wrongful entry into, or invasion of the right of private occupancy of a room, dwelling, or premises that a person occupies by or on behalf of its owner, landlord, or lessor, provided that the wrongful eviction, wrongful entry, or invasion of the right of private occupancy is performed by or on behalf of the owner, landlord, or lessor of that room, dwelling, or premises.
  4. Oral, written, or electronic publication of material that slanders or libels a person or entity or disparages a person's or entity's goods, products, or services, provided that the **Claim** is made by a person or entity that claims to have been slandered or libeled, or whose goods, products, or services have allegedly been disparaged.
  5. Oral, written, or electronic publication of material that appropriates a person's likeness, unreasonably places a person in false light, or gives unreasonable publicity to a person's private life.

- O. *Policy Period*** means the period from the Inception Date to the Expiration Date set forth in ITEM 2 of the Declarations. In no event will the **Policy Period** continue past the effective date this policy is cancelled or not renewed.
- P. *Policy Year*** means:
1. the period of one year following the Inception Date set forth in ITEM 2 of the Declarations or any anniversary thereof; or
  2. the period between the Inception Date set forth in ITEM 2 of the Declarations or any anniversary thereof and the effective date this policy is cancelled or not renewed if such period is less than one year.
- Q. *Potential Claim*** means any conduct or circumstance that might reasonably be expected to be the basis of a **Claim**.
- R. *Pre-Claim Expenses*** means reasonable fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Company in the investigation of a specific **Potential Claim**.
- S. *Predecessor Firm*** means any entity that provided **Professional Services** and, prior to the Inception Date set forth in ITEM 2 of the Declarations, is dissolved or inactive and is no longer rendering **Professional Services**, and:
1. some or all of such firm's principals, owners, officers, or partners have joined the **Named Insured** and more than 50% of such firm's assets have been assigned or transferred to the **Named Insured**; or
  2. at least 50% of the principals, owners, officers, or partners of such firm have joined the **Named Insured**.
- T. *Principal Insured*** means a 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**.
- U. *Professional Liability Coverage*** means the coverage part set forth in ITEM 4 of the Declarations.
- V. *Professional Services*** means only those services performed for others in the capacities set forth in ITEM 4 of the Declarations, and in the capacity of a notary public if the **Insured Person** witnessed and attested to the authenticity of the signature notarized by such **Insured Person**.
- W. *Related Wrongful Acts*** means **Wrongful Acts** that are logically or causally connected by reason of any fact, circumstance, situation, transaction, event, or decision.
- All **Related Wrongful Acts** are a single **Wrongful Act**, and all **Related Wrongful Acts** will be deemed to have been committed at the time the first of such **Related Wrongful Acts** was committed whether prior to or during the **Policy Period**.
- X. *Termination of Coverage*** means:
1. cancellation or nonrenewal of this policy by the Company or the first **Named Insured**;
  2. any decrease in this policy's Limit of Liability;
  3. any reduction in coverage;
  4. any addition of a new exclusion;
  5. any increase in the Deductible; or
  6. any other change in coverage that is less favorable to the **Insured** than what is currently being provided to the **Insured** under this policy.
- Y. *Wrongful Act*** means any:
1. actual or alleged act, error, omission, or **Personal Injury Offense** in the rendering of, or failure to render, **Professional Services**; or
  2. **Network and Information Security Offense**,

by the **Named Insured** or any **Predecessor Firm**, or by any other **Insured** while acting within the scope of their duties on behalf of the **Named Insured** or any **Predecessor Firm**.

## V. **EXCLUSIONS**

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### A. **Antitrust Or Restraint Of Trade**

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** based upon or arising out of any:

1. antitrust violation;
2. restraint of trade;
3. unfair competition; or
4. unauthorized use of any trade secret or client list.

### B. **Claims By An Insured Against Another Insured**

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** by or on behalf of any **Insured**, or in the name or right of, any **Insured**.

### C. **Claims By Certain Persons Or Entities**

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** by or on behalf of, or in the name or right of, any entity that at the time the **Wrongful Act** is committed:

1. is directly or indirectly operated, controlled, or managed, by any **Insured**;
2. is owned by any **Insured**, or any **Insured Person's** spouse, in a percentage that exceeds 5% of the issued and outstanding voting stock of the shares of a publicly traded entity, or 10% of the shares of a closely or privately held entity;
3. holds the controlling financial interest in any **Insured**; or
4. manages or operates any **Insured**.

### D. **Contract Liability**

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** based upon or arising out of any liability assumed by an **Insured** under any contract or agreement, whether oral or written, except to the extent that the **Insured** would have been liable in the absence of such contract or agreement.

### E. **Criminal, Dishonest, Fraudulent Or Malicious Conduct**

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** based upon or arising out of any:

1. criminal, dishonest, fraudulent or malicious conduct; or
2. other willful violation of laws,

committed by the **Insured** or by anyone with the consent or knowledge of the **Insured**, provided that this exclusion does not apply to the vicarious liability of any **Insured Person** who did not participate in or have knowledge of such conduct or violation.

### F. **Expected Or Intended Failure And Internet Service Interruption**

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** based upon or arising out of any **Network and Information Security Offense** that results in:

1. the failure to provide access to the **Named Insured's** website, or the **Named Insured's** computer or communications network, that was expected or intended by the **Insured**; or
2. any Internet service interruption or failure, provided that this exclusion will not apply if the interruption or failure was caused by an **Insured**.

### G. **Failure To Pay Due To Financial Condition**



This policy does not apply to any **Claim** based upon or arising out of any organization's insolvency, receivership, bankruptcy, or liquidation, or financial inability to pay any amounts due or owing, provided that this exclusion will not apply to any **Claim** based upon or arising out of the failure of any

insurer to pay any amounts due or owing under a policy or bond if the insurer of such policy or bond was assigned a financial strength rating of "A-" or better by A. M. Best Company on the date such policy or bond last became effective with such insurer.

**H. Fees, Deposits, Commissions, Premiums, Taxes, Or Other Charges**

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** based upon or arising out of any fees, deposits, commissions, premiums, taxes, or other charges.

**I. Government Demands Or Proceedings**

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** based upon or arising out of a **Network and Information Security Offense** and brought by:

1. the Federal Trade Commission;
  2. the Federal Communications Commission; or
  3. any other federal, national, state, local, or foreign government, agency, or entity,
- provided that this exclusion will not apply to any **Claim** made by such entity in its capacity as a customer or client of the **Named Insured**.

**J. Handling Of Funds**

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** based upon or arising out of any **Insured's** conversion, commingling, defalcation, misappropriation, or other intentional misuse or illegal use of funds, money, or property.

**K. Insurer, Health Maintenance Organization, Or Preferred Provider Organization Liability**

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** based upon or arising out of:

1. the failure of any insurer, health maintenance organization, or preferred provider organization to pay the salaries or fees of any practitioner; or
2. the quality of care provided by any participating practitioner or provider of any insurer, health maintenance organization, or preferred provider organization.

**L. Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements, Multiple Employer Trusts, Pension, Welfare Or Other Benefit Plans**

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** based upon or arising out of the rendering of, or failure to render, **Professional Services** involving any multiple employer welfare arrangements, multiple employer trusts, or any pension, welfare or other benefit plan, provided that this exclusion will not apply to:

1. such plans that are fully funded by insurance, reinsurance, or annuities issued by an insurance company; or
2. any self-funded prescription, dental or vision plan that is not fully funded by insurance, reinsurance, or annuities issued by an insurance company.

**M. Pension, Profit Sharing, Welfare, Or Other Employee Benefit Plans**

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** based upon or arising out of the rendering of, or failure to render, **Professional Services** involving any pension, profit sharing, welfare, or other employee benefit plan that any **Insured**, or any organization in which any **Insured** holds a financial interest, is a:

1. participant;
2. named fiduciary;
3. designated fiduciary;

4. administrator;
5. plan sponsor; or
6. trustee,

of such plan, as defined or used in Title 29 of the U.S. Code, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, or the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, as amended, or other similar federal, state, local, or foreign laws.

**N. Promissory Notes**

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** based upon or arising out of the rendering of, or failure to render, **Professional Services** involving promissory notes.

**O. Securities**

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** based upon or arising out of any violation of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any state Blue Sky law, or any similar state or federal statute or law, or any regulation or order issued pursuant to any of the foregoing.

**P. Structured Settlement Annuities, Life Settlements, Or Viatical Settlements**

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** based upon or arising out of the rendering of, or failure to render, **Professional Services** involving structured settlement annuities, life settlements, or viatical settlements.

**Q. Warranties Or Guarantees**

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** based upon or arising out of any written or oral warranty or guarantee by any **Insured**, as to the availability of funds or a rate of return.

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**VI. CONDITIONS**

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**A. SETTLEMENT**

The Company will not settle a **Claim** without the consent of the **Named Insured**. The Company may, with the consent of the **Named Insured**, settle or compromise any **Claim**, within the applicable Professional Liability Coverage Limits, as the Company deems expedient. In the event that the Company recommends a settlement offer for any **Claim** that is acceptable to the claimant, and the **Named Insured** refuses to consent to such settlement offer, the Company will not pay more for **Damages** and **Defense Expenses** for such **Claim** than the combined total of:

1. the amount of such proposed settlement offer;
2. the amount of **Defense Expenses** incurred prior to the date the **Named Insured** refused to consent to the proposed settlement offer; and
3. 50% of the amount of **Damages** and **Defense Expenses** incurred in excess of the combined total of the amounts set forth in 1 and 2 of this section above,

provided that the Company will have no obligation to pay any **Damages** or **Defense Expenses**, or to defend or continue to defend any **Claim**, after the applicable Professional Liability Coverage Limit that applies to such **Claim** has been exhausted.

**B. OTHER INSURANCE**

This policy will apply only as excess insurance over, and will not contribute with, any other valid and collectible insurance available to the **Insured**, including any insurance under which there is a duty to defend, unless such insurance is written specifically excess of this policy by reference in such other insurance to this policy. This policy will not be subject to the terms of any other insurance.

**C. DEDUCTIBLE**

The following is added to section I. DEDUCTIBLE of the Professional Liability Terms and Conditions:

If the Company and the first **Named Insured** agree to the final settlement of a **Claim** with the claimant during the initial voluntary mediation of that **Claim** or within 30 days after participation in such mediation, the first **Named Insured's** Deductible obligation for such **Claim** will be reduced by 50% subject to a maximum reduction of \$25,000. Deductible payments made prior to the application of the above credit will be reimbursed within 30 days of the resolution of the **Claim**. This reduction does not apply to any **Claim** resolved through voluntary or involuntary arbitration.

Specimen

**NEW YORK PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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These Professional Liability Terms and Conditions apply to the **Professional Liability Coverage**. If any provision in these Professional Liability Terms and Conditions is inconsistent with or in conflict with any provision of the **Professional Liability Coverage**, the provisions of the **Professional Liability Coverage** will control.

**I. DEDUCTIBLE**

The first **Named Insured** will bear uninsured the amount of any applicable Deductible.

The Company's obligation to pay **Damages** and **Defense Expenses** applies only to the amount of **Damages** and **Defense Expenses** that are in excess of the applicable Deductible for each **Claim** amount set forth in ITEM 5 of the Declarations. Up to 50% of the Deductible will apply to **Defense Expenses**. The Company may, at its discretion, pay all or part of any Deductible amount on behalf of the first **Named Insured**, and in such event, the first **Named Insured** agrees to repay the Company any amounts so paid.

If ITEM 5 of the Declarations indicates that a Deductible applies for all **Claims**, the **Insured's** obligation to pay **Damages** and **Defense Expenses**, for all **Claims** made during each **Policy Year** will not exceed the Deductible amount for all **Claims** set forth in ITEM 5 of the Declarations. If there is no Deductible amount shown for all **Claims**, the first **Named Insured** will be responsible for the each **Claim** amount for each and every **Claim**, without further limitation regardless of how often it applies.

**II. LIMITS**

**A. Professional Liability Coverage Limits**

**1. Professional Services and Network and Information Security Offenses Coverage Limits**

Regardless of the number of persons or entities bringing **Claims** or the number of persons or entities who are **Insureds**:

- a. the Company's maximum limit of liability for **Damages** and **Defense Expenses**, for each **Claim** made during the **Policy Year** that results from a **Network and Information Security Offense** or the rendering of, or failure to render, **Professional Services**, will not exceed the Professional Services and Network and Information Security Offenses Coverage Limits for each **Claim** set forth in ITEM 5 of the Declarations;
- b. the Company's maximum limit of liability for all **Damages** and **Defense Expenses**, for all **Claims** made during the **Policy Year** that result from a **Network and Information Security Offense** or the rendering of, or failure to render, **Professional Services**, will not exceed the Professional Services and Network and Information Security Offenses Coverage Limit for all **Claims** set forth in ITEM 5 of the Declarations;
- c. the Company's maximum limit of liability for all **Damages** and **Defense Expenses**, for all **Claims** made during the **Automatic Extended Reporting Period** if applicable, that result from a **Network and Information Security Offense** or the rendering of, or failure to render, **Professional Services**, will not exceed the remaining Professional Services and Network and Information Security Offenses Coverage Limits for the last **Policy Year** in effect at the time of **Termination of Coverage**;
- d. the Company's maximum limit of liability for all **Damages** and **Defense Expenses**, for all **Claims** made during the **Optional Extended Reporting Period**, if applicable, that result from a **Network and Information Security Offense** or the rendering of, or failure to render, **Professional Services**;

- (1) will be equal to the Professional Services and Network and Information Security Offenses Coverage Limits for the last **Policy Year** in effect at the time of **Termination of Coverage** if this policy has been in effect for at least three years; or
  - (2) will be the greater of the remaining Professional Services and Network and Information Security Offenses Coverage Limits or 50% of the Professional Services and Network and Information Security Offenses Coverage Limit for the last **Policy Year** in effect at the time of **Termination of Coverage** if this policy has been in effect for less than three years; and
- e. **Defense Expenses** will be part of, and not in addition to, the Professional Services and Network and Information Security Offenses Coverage Limits of Liability set forth in ITEM 5 of the Declarations. Such **Defense Expenses** will reduce the Professional Services and Network and Information Security Offenses Coverage each **Claim** limit but only up to a maximum of 50% of such limit available with respect to such **Claim**.

B. Additional Benefits Limits

1. Crisis Event Expenses Limits

Regardless of the number of **Crisis Events** qualifying for **Crisis Event Expenses**, or the number of persons or entities who are **Insureds**:

- a. the Company's maximum limit for **Crisis Event Expenses** for each **Crisis Event** first occurring during the **Policy Year** will not exceed the Crisis Event Expenses Limits for each **Crisis Event** set forth in ITEM 6 of the Declarations; and
- b. the Company's maximum limit for **Crisis Event Expenses** for all **Crisis Events** first occurring during the **Policy Year** will not exceed the remaining Crisis Event Expenses Limit for all **Crisis Events** set forth in ITEM 6 of the Declarations.

2. Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceeding Expenses Limits

Regardless of the number of **Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceedings** qualifying for **Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceeding Expenses**, or the number of persons or entities who are **Insureds**:

- a. the Company's maximum limit for **Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceeding Expenses** for each **Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceeding** first initiated during the **Policy Year** will not exceed the Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceeding Expenses Limits for each **Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceeding** set forth in ITEM 6 of the Declarations; and
- b. the Company's maximum limit for **Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceeding Expenses** for all **Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceedings** first initiated during the **Policy Year** will not exceed the remaining Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceeding Expenses Limit for all **Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceedings** set forth in ITEM 6 of the Declarations.

Payment of **Crisis Event Expenses** and **Disciplinary or Regulatory Proceeding Expenses** are not subject to a Deductible and do not reduce the applicable Professional Liability Coverage Limits.

C. Other Provisions

Payment of **Damages** and **Defense Expenses** will reduce and may exhaust the applicable Professional Liability Coverage Limits. In the event the amount of **Damages** or **Defense Expenses**, or a combination thereof, exceeds the portion of the applicable Professional Liability Coverage Limits remaining after prior payments of **Damages** or **Defense Expenses**, or a combination thereof, the Company's liability shall not exceed the remaining amount of the applicable Professional Liability Coverage Limits. In no event will the Company be obligated to make any payment for **Damages** or **Defense Expenses** with regard to a **Claim** made after the applicable Professional Liability Coverage Limit has been exhausted by payment of **Damages** or **Defense Expenses**.

If the Professional Services and Network and Information Security Offenses Coverage Limits are exhausted by the payment of amounts covered under this policy, the premium for this policy will be deemed fully earned, all obligations of the Company will be completely fulfilled, and the Company will have no further obligations.

### III. CLAIM DEFENSE

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- A. The Company has the right and duty to defend any **Claim** covered by this policy, even if the allegations are groundless, false or fraudulent, including the right to select defense counsel with respect to such **Claim**, provided that the Company is not obligated to defend or to continue to defend any **Claim** made after the applicable Professional Liability Coverage Limit is exhausted by payment of **Damages** and **Defense Expenses**.
- B. The **Insured** will cooperate with the Company and, upon the Company's request:
  - 1. assist in the defense and settlement of **Claims**;
  - 2. assist in enforcing rights of contribution or indemnity against any person or entity which may be liable to the **Insured** because of a **Wrongful Act**; and
  - 3. attend hearings and trials and assist in securing and giving evidence and obtaining the attendance of witnesses.

### IV. RIGHT TO APPEAL

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The Company has the right, but not the duty, to appeal a judgment awarded against an **Insured** in a **Claim** the Company defends.

### V. TRANSFER CONTROL OF DEFENSE

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- A. The Company will mail or deliver a written notice to the first **Named Insured** as soon as practicable after the Company concludes that any of the Professional Liability Coverage Limits is likely to be used up with the payment of judgments, settlements, or **Defense Expenses**. The written notice will identify all of the Professional Liability Coverage Limits that are likely to be used up and indicate that the Company's duty to defend any **Claim** subject to those Professional Liability Coverage Limits will end if the limits are used up.
- B. The Company will mail or deliver a written notice to the first **Named Insured** as soon as practicable after any of the Professional Liability Coverage Limits have been used up with the payment of judgments, settlements, or **Defense Expenses**. The written notice will identify all of the Professional Liability Coverage Limits that have been used up and indicate that the Company's duty to defend any **Claim** subject to those Professional Liability Coverage Limits has now ended. If there is an outstanding **Claim**, the written notice will also identify each of those **Claims** and request that the first **Named Insured** arrange for the **Insureds** being defended to take over control of their defense as soon as practicable.
- C. The Company will help transfer control of the defense of any outstanding **Claim** to any **Insured** being defended as long as that **Insured** cooperates in the transfer and arranges for the transfer as soon as practicable. The Company has no duty to defend any **Claim** made after the applicable Professional Liability Coverage Limits has been used up.
- D. The Company will take whatever steps are necessary to continue the defense of any outstanding **Claim** and avoid a default judgment during the transfer of its control to the **Insured** being defended. If the Company takes such steps, the **Insured** being defended agrees that the Company will not waive or give up any rights under the policy.
- E. The first **Named Insured** agrees to repay the reasonable expenses the Company incurs to continue the defense of any outstanding **Claim** during the transfer of its control to the **Insured** being defended. The Company will expect repayment only for the reasonable expenses it incurs on or after the earliest of the following dates:
  - 1. The date the applicable Professional Liability Coverage Limits are used up, provided that the Company mails or delivers the required written notice as soon as practicable before then to notify the first **Named Insured** that the limits were likely to be used up.
  - 2. The date the Company mails or delivers the required written notice to notify the first **Named Insured** that the applicable Professional Liability Coverage Limits have been used up, only if the

Company failed to mail or deliver the required written notice to notify the first **Named Insured** that the Professional Liability Coverage Limits were likely to be used up.

- F. The exhaustion of any Professional Liability Coverage Limits and the ending of the Company's duty to defend will not be changed by the Company's failure to give proper notice to the first **Named Insured** of any Professional Liability Coverage Limits that are likely to be used up, or have been used up, with the payments of judgments, settlements and **Defense Expenses**.

## **VI. PRE-CLAIM ASSISTANCE**

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At the Company's discretion, the Company will pay **Pre-Claim Expenses** for a **Potential Claim** reported in accordance with section VIII. NOTICE OF POTENTIAL CLAIMS. **Pre-Claim Expenses** must be incurred prior to the date that any **Claim** is made based upon or arising out of such **Potential Claim**. Payment of **Pre-Claim Expenses** is not subject to a Deductible and does not reduce the applicable Professional Liability Coverage Limits. Once a **Potential Claim** becomes a **Claim**, **Damages** and **Defenses Expenses** that result from such **Claim** are subject to a Deductible and will reduce the applicable Professional Liability Coverage Limits.

## **VII. INSURED'S DUTIES IN THE EVENT OF A CLAIM**

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In the event a **Principal Insured** becomes aware that a **Claim** has been made against any **Insured**, the **Insured**, as a condition precedent to any rights under this policy, will give to the Company written notice of the particulars of such **Claim**, including all facts related to any alleged **Wrongful Act**, the identity of each person allegedly involved in or affected by such **Wrongful Act**, and the dates of the alleged events, as soon as practicable. The **Insured** will give the Company such information, assistance and cooperation as the Company may reasonably require.

All notices under this section must be sent or delivered to the Company set forth in ITEM 3 of the Declarations and are effective upon receipt. The **Insured** will not voluntarily settle any **Claim**, make any settlement offer, assume or admit any liability or, except at the **Insured's** own cost, voluntarily make any payment, pay or incur any **Defense Expenses**, or assume any obligation or incur any other expense, without the Company's prior written consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. The Company will not be liable for any settlement, **Defense Expenses**, assumed obligation, or admission to which it has not consented.

Notices given by or on behalf of the **Insured**, or written notice by or on behalf of the injured person or any other claimant, to any licensed agent of the Company in the state of New York, with particulars sufficient to identify the **Insured**, will be deemed notice to the Company.

## **VIII. NOTICE OF POTENTIAL CLAIMS**

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If a **Principal Insured** becomes aware of a **Potential Claim** and gives the Company or any of the Company's authorized representatives written notice during the **Policy Period** of the particulars of such **Potential Claim** including:

- A. all known facts related to the **Potential Claim**;
- B. the identity, if known, of each person allegedly involved in or affected by such **Potential Claim**;
- C. the date such persons became aware of the **Potential Claim**;
- D. the dates of the alleged events; and
- E. the reasons for anticipating a **Claim**,

any **Claim** subsequently made against any **Insured** arising out of such **Potential Claim** will be deemed to have been made on the date such notice was received by the Company or the Company's authorized representatives.

All notices under this section must be sent or delivered to the Company set forth in ITEM 3 of the Declarations or the Company's authorized representatives and will be effective upon receipt. Notices given by or on behalf of the **Insured**, or written notice by or on behalf of the claimant, to any licensed agent of the Company in the state of New York, will be deemed notice to the Company.

#### **IX. RELATED CLAIMS**

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All **Claims** or **Potential Claims** for **Related Wrongful Acts** will be considered as a single **Claim** or **Potential Claim**, whichever is applicable. All **Claims** or **Potential Claims** for **Related Wrongful Acts** will be deemed to have been made the date:

- A. the first of such **Claims** for **Related Wrongful Acts** was made; or
  - B. the first notice of such **Potential Claim** for **Related Wrongful Acts** was received by the Company,
- whichever is earlier.

#### **X. SUBROGATION**

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

Section X. SUBROGATION does not apply if the **Insured**, prior to the date a **Wrongful Act** is committed, has waived its right of recovery for **Damages** that result from such **Wrongful Act**.

#### **XI. RECOVERIES**

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All recoveries from third parties for payments made under this policy apply, after first deducting the costs and expenses incurred in obtaining such recovery:

- A. first, to the Company to reimburse the Company for any Deductible amount it has paid on behalf of any **Insured**;
- B. second, to the **Insured** to reimburse the **Insured** for the amount it has paid which would have been paid hereunder, but for the fact that such amount is in excess of the applicable limit hereunder;
- C. third, to the Company to reimburse the Company for the amount paid hereunder; and
- D. fourth, to the **Insured** in satisfaction of any applicable Deductible paid by the **Insured**,

provided that such recoveries do not include any recovery from insurance, suretyship, reinsurance, security or indemnity taken for the Company's benefit.

#### **XII. ACQUISITIONS**

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If, during the **Policy Period**, the **Named Insured** acquires or forms an entity that performs **Professional Services**, coverage will be provided for such acquired or formed entity and its respective **Insured Persons** for **Wrongful Acts** committed after the **Named Insured** acquires or forms such entity. Coverage for such entity will end 90 days after the acquisition or formation of such entity, or the end of the **Policy Year**, whichever is earlier, unless the Company has agreed to provide such coverage by endorsement.



### **XIII. SPOUSAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY COVERAGE**

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This policy applies to **Damages** and **Defense Expenses** for a **Claim** made against a person who, at the time the **Claim** is made, is a lawful spouse of an **Insured Person**, but only for a **Wrongful Act** actually or allegedly committed by the **Insured Person**, to whom the spouse is married.

The Company has no obligation to make any payment for **Damages** or **Defense Expenses** in connection with any **Claim** made against a spouse of an **Insured Person** for any actual or alleged **Wrongful Act** committed by such spouse.

### **XIV. AUTOMATIC EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD**

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If there is a **Termination of Coverage**, the **Automatic Extended Reporting Period** applies without additional premium effective the date of such **Termination of Coverage**, provided that the **Named Insured** does not purchase an Optional Extended Reporting Period Endorsement. The **Automatic Extended Reporting Period** applies to **Claims** made prior to the effective date of **Termination of Coverage** and reported during the **Automatic Extended Reporting Period**, but only for **Wrongful Acts** committed wholly prior to the effective date of such **Termination of Coverage** and that otherwise would be covered. A **Claim** made during the **Automatic Extended Reporting Period** will be deemed to have been made on the last day of the **Policy Period** to which it applies. When the **Automatic Extended Reporting Period** takes effect it may not be cancelled by any **Named Insured** or by the Company.

If there is a **Termination of Coverage**, the Company will notify the **Named Insured** in writing within 30 days after the policy ends of:

1. the existence of the **Automatic Extended Reporting Period**;
2. the availability of the Optional Extended Reporting Period Endorsement;
3. the need for purchasing the Optional Extended Reporting Period Endorsement; and
4. the cost of the Optional Extended Reporting Period Endorsement, except if the claims-made relationship with the Company has continued for less than one year and the policy is cancelled due to nonpayment of premium or fraud and the **Named Insured** does not request notification of that cost.

If there is any other valid and collectable insurance for **Claims** covered by this **Automatic Extended Reporting Period**, this policy will apply as excess over, and will not contribute with, any other valid and collectable insurance available to the **Insured**.

### **XV. OPTIONAL EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD**

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A. If there is a **Termination of Coverage**, the first **Named Insured** may give the Company written notice that it desires to purchase an Optional Extended Reporting Period Endorsement for one of the periods set forth in ITEM 8 of the Declarations. The **Optional Extended Reporting Period** applies to **Claims** made during the **Optional Extended Reporting Period**, but only for **Wrongful Acts** committed wholly prior to the effective date of **Termination of Coverage**. A **Claim** made during the **Optional Extended Reporting Period** will be deemed to have been made on:

1. the last day of the **Policy Period**; or
2. if such **Claim** had earlier been reported to the Company during the **Policy Period** as **Potential Claim**, the date notice was received by the Company of such **Potential Claim**,

whichever is earlier.

B. The premium due for the Optional Extended Reporting Period Endorsement equals the percentage set forth in ITEM 8 of the Declarations of the annualized premium for this policy, including the fully annualized amount of any additional premiums charged by the Company during the **Policy Year** prior to the date of **Termination of Coverage**. The entire premium for the Optional Extended Reporting Period Endorsement will be deemed fully earned at the commencement of the **Optional Extended Reporting Period**.

The **Optional Extended Reporting Period** will not take effect unless the **Named Insured** has fulfilled all other duties, and complied with all other conditions and requirements under this policy, and:

1. the **Named Insured** will have the greater of the following in which to submit written acceptance of the **Optional Extended Reporting Period**:
  - a. 60 days from the effective date of **Termination of Coverage**, or
  - b. 30 days from the date the Company mails or delivers notice to the **Named Insured** of the availability of the **Optional Extended Reporting Period Endorsement**; and
2. the additional premium for the **Optional Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** is paid when due; and
3. full payment of the earned premium due, is received by the Company within 60 days of the effective date such policy is cancelled or not renewed.

Upon cancellation due to nonpayment of premium or fraud on the part of the **Named Insured**, the Company will not be required to provide a premium quotation for the **Optional Extended Reporting Period** unless requested by the **Named Insured**.

Upon **Termination of Coverage** any return premium due the **Named Insured** will be credited toward the premium for the **Optional Extended Reporting Period**, if the **Named Insured** elects such coverage. Upon **Termination of Coverage** where premium is due to the Company during the claims-made relationship, any monies received by the Company from the **Named Insured** as payment for the **Optional Extended Reporting Period** will first be applied to such premium owing for the policy.

When the **Optional Extended Reporting Period** applies, it replaces the **Automatic Extended Reporting Period**.

- C. During a claims-made relationship and any extended reporting period, a person employed or otherwise affiliated with the **Named Insured** and covered by this policy during such affiliation, will continue to be covered under such policy and any extended reporting period after such affiliation has ceased for such person's covered acts or omissions during such affiliation.
- D. If the **Named Insured** is a corporation, partnership or other entity, and such **Named Insured** or its designated trustee does not purchase an **Optional Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** after permanently ceasing operations or being placed in receivership, liquidation, or bankruptcy, then any **Insured Person** has the right to make a written request for an **Optional Extended Reporting Period Endorsement** within 120 days after **Termination of Coverage**.

The Company is not required to notify such **Insured Persons** of the availability of an **Optional Extended Reporting Period Endorsement**. If any **Insured Person** requests an **Optional Extended Reporting Period Endorsement**, such **Insured Person** is responsible for the payment of the additional premium associated with the **Optional Extended Reporting Period Endorsement**.

## **XVI. ACTION AGAINST THE COMPANY**

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No action will lie against the Company unless, as a condition precedent thereto, there has been full compliance with all of the terms of this policy, or until the amount of the **Insured's** obligation to pay has been finally determined either by judgment against the **Insured** or by written agreement of the **Insured**, the claimant, and the Company.

No person or entity has any right to join the Company as a party to any action against the **Insured** to determine the **Insured's** liability, nor will the Company be impleaded by an **Insured** or such **Insured's** legal representative. Bankruptcy or insolvency of any **Insured** or an **Insured's** estate does not relieve the Company of any of its obligations hereunder.

However, with respect to any **Claim** resulting from a death or personal injury of any person, if the Company disclaims liability or denies coverage based upon the failure to provide timely notice, then the injured person or other claimant may maintain an action directly against the Company, provided that the sole question is whether the Company's disclaimer of liability or denial of coverage is based on the failure to provide timely notice, unless within 60 days of such disclaimer or denial, the Company or the **Insured**:

- A. initiates an action to declare the rights of the parties under this policy; and
- B. names the injured person or other claimant as a party to the action.

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#### **XVII. CHANGES**

Only the first **Named Insured** is authorized to make changes to the terms of this policy and solely with the Company's prior written consent. This policy's terms can be changed only by endorsement issued by the Company and made a part of such policy. Notice to any representative of the **Insured** or knowledge possessed by any agent or by any other person does not effect a change to any part of this policy, or estop the Company from asserting any right under the terms, exclusions, conditions and limitations of this policy, nor may the terms, exclusions, conditions and limitations hereunder be changed, except by a written endorsement to this policy issued by the Company.

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#### **XVIII. ASSIGNMENT**

This policy may not be assigned or transferred, and any such attempted assignment or transfer will be void and without effect unless the Company has provided its prior written consent to such assignment or transfer.

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#### **XIX. MISREPRESENTATION**

This policy does not apply to any **Claim** against any **Insured** under this policy if any **Principal Insured** has intentionally concealed or misrepresented any material fact or circumstance concerning such **Claim**, this insurance or the subject thereof, provided that this section XIX. MISREPRESENTATION does not apply if such **Principal Insured** mistakenly:

- A. failed to disclose information to the Company; or
- B. misleads the Company.

No representation will be deemed material unless knowledge by the Company of the facts misrepresented would have led to the refusal by the Company to issue this policy.

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#### **XX. LIBERALIZATION**

If, during the **Policy Period**, the Company makes any changes in the form of this policy that are intended to apply to all **Insureds** that have such forms as part of their policy, and by which the insurance afforded could be extended or broadened by endorsement or substitution of form without increased premium charge, then such extended or broadened insurance inures to the benefit of the **Insured** as of the date the revision or change is approved for general use by the applicable department of insurance.

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#### **XXI. AUTHORIZATION**

If this policy provides coverage for more than one **Named Insured**, the first **Named Insured** set forth in Item 1 of the Declarations is the sole agent and acts on behalf of all **Insureds** with respect to:

- A. payment of premiums and deductibles;
- B. receiving any return premiums;
- C. receiving notices of cancellation, nonrenewal or change in coverage;
- D. requesting any change in coverage; or
- E. making or, if applicable, consenting to settlement or compromise of any **Claim**,

provided that nothing herein relieves any **Insured** from giving any notice to the Company that is required under this policy.

**XXII. HEADINGS**

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The titles of the various paragraphs of this policy and its endorsements are inserted solely for convenience or reference and are not to be deemed in any way to limit or affect the provision to which they relate.

**XXIII. CONFORMITY TO STATUTE**

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Any part of this policy that conflicts with any requirement of statutory or regulatory law that applies is automatically amended to conform to such law.

**XXIV. LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES**

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In the event of the death, incapacity or bankruptcy of an **Insured**, any **Claim** made against the estate, heirs, legal representatives or assigns of such **Insured** are deemed to be a **Claim** made against such **Insured**. Such estate, heirs, legal representatives or assigns have all of the **Insureds** rights and duties under this policy.

**XXV. TERRITORY**

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This policy applies to **Claims** made for **Wrongful Acts** committed anywhere in the world.

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