

# Considerations/Contracts for dealing with your Producer

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# Our workshop today will cover

#### **Producer Agreements**

- Purpose
- Key Features
- Practical Uses

#### **Accounts Receivable**

- What's the problem?
- Best Practices
- Stories from the front!

E&O – a few thoughts

### Producer Agreement Provisions

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Some Key Restrictions:











Responsibility to the Insured



Producer
Ownership of
Expirations

- Producers owns and controls Expirations
- PA can accept business from other producers
- If Producer does not pay, PA may solicit insured

Producer
Ownership of
Expirations

License of Producer

Who? Agency & Individuals

Where?
Location of Producer & Insured

When?
Now and Always!

Language should specify <u>all</u> licenses required by law are in place, for producer and its <u>employees</u>, for the duration of the agreement.

- √If this Changes, Notify!
- ✓Disciplinary Action, Notify!
- ✓Bankruptcy Process, Notify!

Producer
Ownership of
Expirations

License of Producer

Payment of Premium

- Pay whether Collected or Not
- Payment Terms
- Withhold Commissions
- Invoice vs Statements
- Premium Fund Trust Account
- Direct Collection if Necessary
- Unearned Commissions

Producer
Ownership of
Expirations

License of Producer

Payment of Premium

Insurance E&O Employee Dishonesty

- Maintain in Force
- Limits
- Provide Proof
- Advise if Cancelled

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Indemnification

- Two Way
- Indemnify & Hold Harmless from...





- E&O (Annually)
- License (Annually)
- W-9 & Tax ID

#### Problematic Provisions

- Minimum Service Levels
- Producer Not Liable for the Premium
- Disclosure of Commissions
- Non Solicitation of Employees & Accounts
- One Way Indemnification

Accounts Receivable

#### What's the Problem?



#### Best Practices

Accounts Receivable A/R Culture of Discipline

Accounting Dept. Responsibility

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Review from the top!

Accounts Receivable

Crisis Management

Stories from the Front!

## Preventive Maintenance

Accounts Receivable **Background Checks** 

Google Search

License / E&O Annual Checks

Reserve Accrual



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