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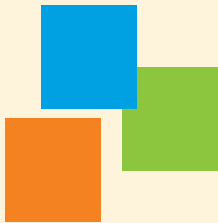


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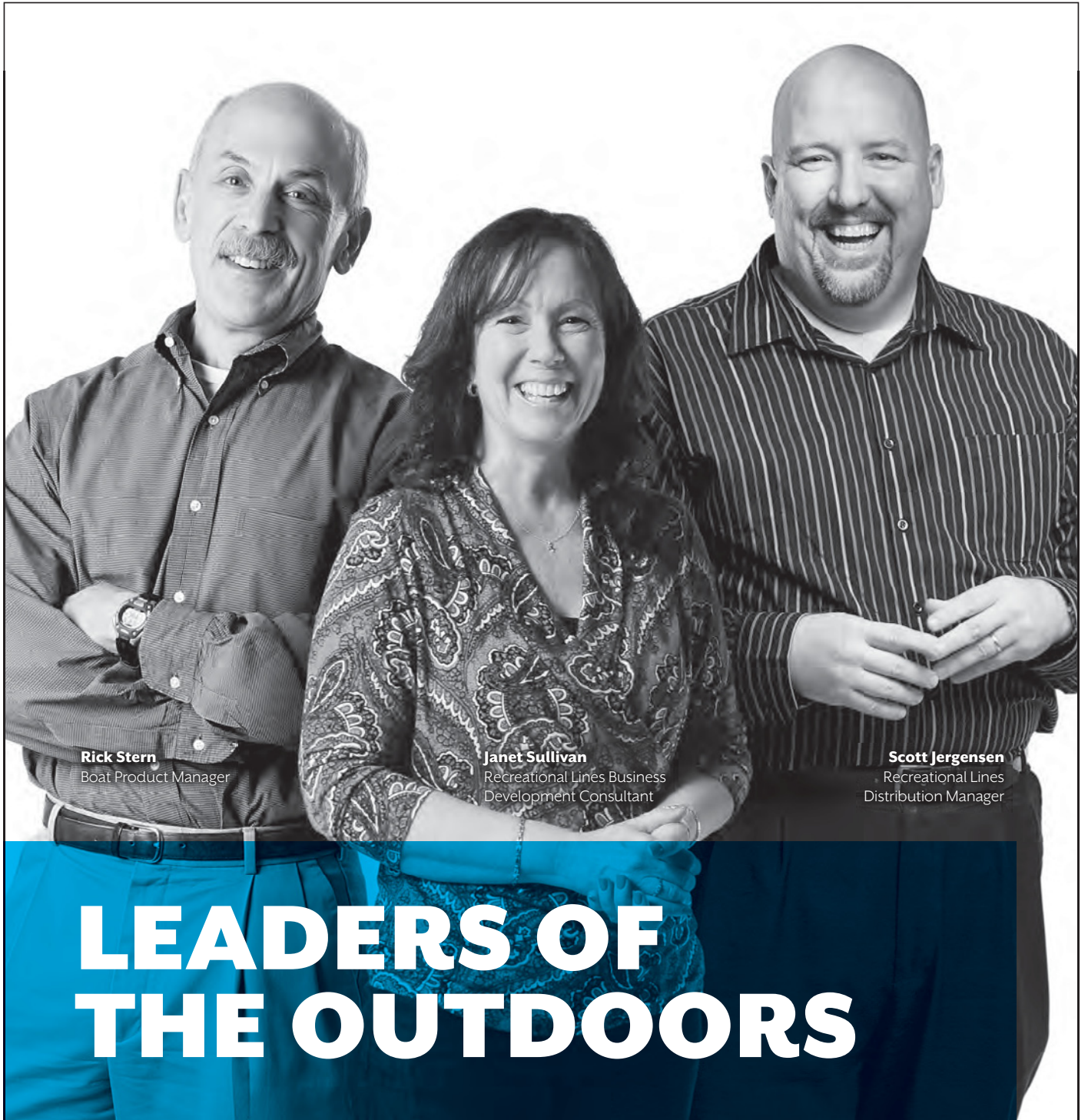
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As you read this last magazine, this will be my last official communication to you as MIIAB President. I must say that this has been a valuable experience for me this year as your President, but, the most value that I've gained over the last decade, is being involved in the association on a committee or member of the board of directors. Over the past four years moving into a leadership position, I have grown to understand how valuable the association is for its members and its company partners. More importantly, I have come to value the hard work and dedication of the MIIAB board of directors and its staff. During the last two years in these leadership positions I've had the opportunity to visit many of our Power in Partner insurance company executives to discuss industry issues and how the MIIAB and insurance companies can work together to further the independent insurance agency industry. I would like to thank all of these company president's and their executive teams for taking the time to meet with me and our leadership over the past 9 years. The MIIAB's Power in Partner Program is the premier company partner program in the country and we must keep the open dialogue with our company partners to ensure our success in the future.

As your association President, I again, want to thank my staff and my family for supporting me during my term as President and I would like to welcome Darian Hunt to the MIIAB leadership team as your incoming President. I'm confident that Darian will do an outstanding job in this next year leading the MIIAB into the future.

One of my final duties as your President will be to pass the Presidential torch to Darian Hunt at our upcoming convention and trade show on May 10-11, 2017 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. I would like to highlight some of the key educational opportunities for you and your staff below and I would also like to encourage all MIIAB members to attend and network over 100 companies and vendors at our trade show. Hope to see you all there!

Peek into the Upcoming Annual Convention on May 10-11, 2017

We are all excited about another upcoming convention that is scheduled for May 10-11 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Each year our convention seems to keep going by attracting not only agency owners, but their producers and CSR's. This year we have many exciting education opportunities for all levels of your agency staff to take part in. We will be featuring one of our keynote speakers at the convention, Richard Coffey, former MN Gopher and Timberwolves basketball standout, who will be focusing on developing your image and professionalism to your clients. We are excited about Richard Coffey's keynote presentation at the convention awards luncheon. Another program I would like to highlight is our 2nd annual "Insuring the Farm" in which we invited IIBA's National Lobbyist to provide us an overview of what has taken place in Washington D.C. on the Federal Crop Insurance Program. We will also be discussing how Drones have become an important part of farming and how to insure them and finally, how to fully protect your farm client and all their commodities that they produce. For all of the details on the convention, please see the convention overview in this issue.

Ted Dyste
MIAB President



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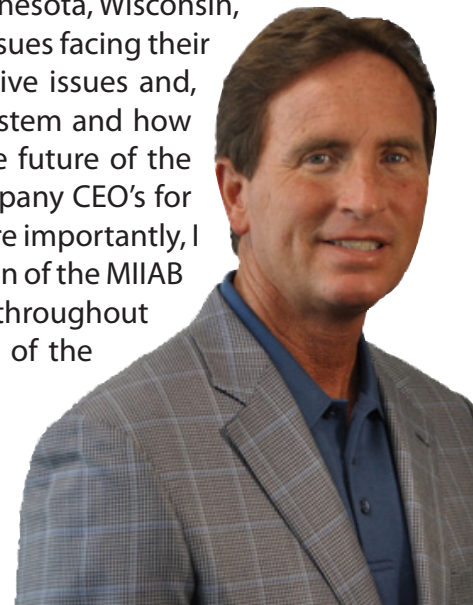
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MIAB Membership Growing in Many Directions

As you all know, the independent agencies have been going through a metamorphosis over the last decade. It seems as though in the late 1990's and early 2000's many of the small agencies were being merged with their local counterparts throughout the state of Minnesota. Over the last 10 years it seems like the medium sized agencies have been solicited by the national brokers and many of these agencies have been absorbed by these brokers. Fortunately for us, the larger brokers are members of the MIAB and the medium sized agencies have grown over the years in staff size. Lately, we have been seeing new models of agencies that may be called networks, aggregators, or even clusters have emerged to become a major factor in the independent agency system as members of the MIAB and as agencies for our company partners. A number of agencies throughout the state of Minnesota have grown substantially by attracting direct writers into their agencies to offer more opportunities as independent agents through independent agencies. As we look at our membership today in Minnesota, the number of independent agencies has increased, however, the number of agents now involved in independent agencies are up significantly. Your association has attracted these new models and have retained the traditional member as we see the American Agency System change. We provide the vast majority of independent agencies their E&O insurance, lobbying on your behalf in St. Paul and in Washington D.C. and we are the leader in professional education for independent agents by offering the CIC, CISR, CRM, online webinars, and many in-house programs designed specifically for our members and their agents. The board of directors and staff would like to thank all independent agents and agencies for their loyal support of the association, making MIAB the leader in the industry.

Your Leadership Strengthens Relationships Between Agents & Companies

Over the past 9 years, the leadership of the MIAB and the Executive Staff of the Association has made it a priority to personally meet with the CEO's of our company partners. Each year we visit insurance company executives and their executive team throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan and Illinois. During these meetings we discuss industry issues facing their companies and independent agents in Minnesota. We discuss legislative issues and, more importantly, we discuss the future of the independent agency system and how the MIAB can work together with our company partners to ensure the future of the "American Agency System". I would like to personally thank all the company CEO's for opening up their door in their home offices to discuss industry issues, more importantly, I would like to thank all of your colleagues who are in the leadership position of the MIAB who have taken their personal time to visit these company executives throughout the Midwest. I know these company executives appreciate the efforts of the MIAB in making these annual visits to their offices.





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Changing of the Leadership Position at the MIIAB's Convention

On behalf of the board of directors and the MIIAB staff, I would like to personally thank Ted Dyste, CIC from the Dyste Williams Agency in Minneapolis for his dedication and hard work that he has put in to his Presidency this year. If you know Ted, you know that he is a busy man and is always running from one appointment to another. He is a very successful independent agent and he has found time to give back to his association in hopes that we expand the bright future of the independent agency system in Minnesota. As Ted steps back as President of the MIIAB on May 9th, Darian Hunt, CIC from the House of Insurance in Le Center will take the helm as President. Darian has been very active over the years in the association serving in many capacities, more importantly, helping the association build our partnership with company executives. Similar to Ted, Darian comes from a family owned agency in which he, his brother and sister are now principals in this growing agency south of Minneapolis/St. Paul. I know Darian is concerned about the future of the independent agency system and is looking forward to encouraging young professionals into our business throughout Minnesota. We all look forward to working with Darian in the upcoming year.

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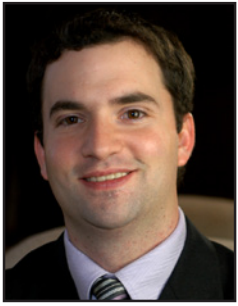
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Drink & Drone: Insuring the Business of Booze & Flying Things

Wednesday
8:30am-11:30am
Location: TBD

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Drinking and droning: activities that should never mix...except in this course. We will discuss a variety of risks and insurance solutions for the growing business of booze and the personal/business use of drones. (3 CE's)



John Immordino
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Cyber Liability - What Every Agent Should Know

Wednesday
8:30am - 11:30am
Location: TBD

Cybercrime has grown seventeen times since 2009 with no slowdown in sight. All businesses, including Insurance Agents, which collect private information about their clients, must comply with State and/or Federal Notification Laws. These notification requirements can cost small businesses on average over \$200,000 and larger businesses can be in the millions. Since this is also a rapidly growing exposure it is difficult for businesses to understand the definition of private information, how to protect it and how to comply with Notification Laws. This course will provide agents with an understanding of the current exposures associated with cyber risks and ways to protect themselves and their clients. (3 CE's)

Drugged Driving



Mark Peterson
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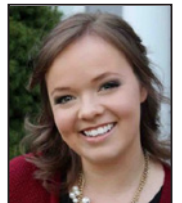
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Gail Weinholzer, M.B.C.
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Did you know while alcohol impaired driving is decreasing, drugged impaired driving is increasing? Did you know drugged impaired driving includes legal and illegal drugs and spans all age groups? Enhance your knowledge of drug use and its potential impact on driving. Learn about challenges and countermeasures to this ever evolving issue. Access new drugged driving materials for your family, friends, community and insureds.

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Lunch Keynote -Richard Coffey



Richard Coffey is a native of North Carolina. He is a businessman and former professional athlete. Richard served three years in the United States Army as an Airborne Paratrooper—a member of the first to fight last to fall 82nd Airborne. Richard is a former University of Minnesota Gopher

Basketball player and ex NBA Minnesota Timberwolf. After his stint in the NBA, he continued his basketball career by playing and coaching abroad in Europe and Asia. In his professional career, Richard has started multiple businesses, worked in corporate America, and has given presentations throughout the United States.

Richard's presentation focuses on personal and professional development. Focusing on the ever-changing seasons of our lives and how to overcome challenges personally and professionally to reach our next level. He will teach the audience the importance of self-evaluation, how to overcome fear and how to create standards and rituals to continue to break down barriers that arise. He believe there is another level for all of us! How quickly we get there depends on our courage, attitude and perseverance.

Convention Schedule

Wednesday May 10, 2017

8:30 -11:30am **Drink & Drone: Insuring the Business of Booze & Flying Things** TBD

8:30 -11:30am **Cyber Liability - What Every Agent Should Know** TBD

8:30 -11:30am **Drugged Driving/Social Networking** TBD

11:45am - 2:00pm **Awards Luncheon** 101B-I

2:00 - 5:30pm **Exhibit Hall** Ballroom A&B

5:30 - 7:00pm **Reception Hosted by the Young Agents - Brits Pub**

Thursday May 11, 2017

8:30-11:30am **I Screwed Up and My Insured is Toast: Personal Lines** TBD

8:30am-3:30pm **E&O Risk Management** TBD

9:30am-12:30pm **Insuring the Farm** TBD

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I Screwed Up and My Insured is Toast: Personal Lines

Kevin Amrhein, CIC
FISCE, Inc.
Thursday
8:30am - 11:30am
Location: TBD

Hello, I'm an agent. I screwed up and my insured is toast. It started when I assured him that all was well with his personal insurance, only to learn that he flies drones, rents out his house, is self-employed, drives for a ride-sharing service, has kids, hosts parties, and a slew of other things. This course is my story...please don't be like me. (3 CE's)



E&O Risk Management: Meeting the Challenge of Change

Gloria Thompson, CIC
American Agency, Inc.
Thursday
8:30am - 3:30pm
Location: TBD

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Location: TBD



Government Affairs Legislative and Crop Insurance Update

Jen McPhillips

IIABA Senior Director of Federal Government Affairs

9:30am - 10:30am

Location: TBD

Jen McPhillips will highlight legislative issues impacting the livelihood of independent insurance agents and to understand how to engage with Congress on these issues. **(1 CE)**



The Value of Drones and Crop Insurance

Nathan Hochhalter

QBE NAU

10:30pm - 11:30pm

Location: TBD



This course will provide information regarding the exploratory steps QBE NAU has taken using Drones for Crop Hail and MPCl business practices. This program will give agents a broad overview of what drones can currently offer for Crop Insurance purposes, and potential future uses. **(1CE)**



Lucas Peters
QBE NAU

Whole Farm Revenue Protection Plan

11:30am - 12:30pm

Location: TBD

Lunch will be
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Brian Johnson
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E&O Q&A

By Mary LaPorte, CPCU, CIC, LIC, CIA

Agent's questions about Errors and Omissions, and how E&O losses can be prevented.

Q: As a service to our customers, we always read the insurance requirements in any contract before issuing a Certificate of Insurance. We want to assure our customer that the insurance provided meets the requirements. How should we handle situations when an additional insured is requesting a 30-day notice of policy cancellation? If we point out that the coverage is not in compliance, the insured may lose out on the contract. Since the carrier's will not do this, could our agency send the additional insured notice of cancellation? The problem we see is that we do not always know that a policy is going to be cancelled 30 days out. Any suggestions?

Teresa, Florida

A: Teresa, your question raises so many concerns, but I will try to address each of them in this short, condensed response.

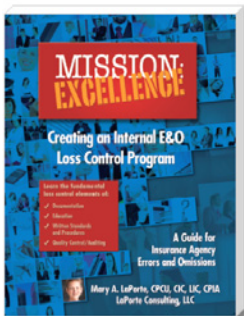
First of all, the fact that you are reading the insurance requirements of contracts is a good practice, but only if this is done by someone highly skilled and experienced in this area. This person needs to have an in-depth understanding of the coverage form, including an understanding of how the policy will respond to complex contractual situations.

You state that the certificate holders are additional insureds. There are two ways they can become an additional insured:

1. By being named in the policy by endorsement. Most carriers are not willing to name an additional insured without charging a premium for the endorsement. It will depend on the language in the endorsement whether the additional insured will receive a notice of cancellation. Some carriers may even be willing to send a 30-day notice, perhaps excepting non-payment of premium.
2. By blanket additional insured endorsement. The ISO form **CG 20 33 Additional Insured – Owners, Lessees or Contractors – Automatic Status When Required in Construction Agreement With You** endorsement requires that the additional insured status applies only “when you and such person or organization have agreed in writing in a contract or agreement that such person or organization be added as an additional insured on your policy”. Other carrier endorsements may be more restrictive. Since the carrier does not know the identity of every party covered under the endorsement, they certainly are not sending notice of cancellation to anyone.

If your agency were to take on the role of notifying additional insureds of cancellations, it would greatly increase your E&O exposure. You would need a fool-proof system to assure that none were missed. As you already stated, in many situations, you often don't even know about a cancellation in sufficient time to do so. An additional insured would consider the fact that you didn't know about a cancellation to be a poor excuse for non-compliance with the requirement.

The better alternative is to have a frank conversation with your insured as you explain the problem. If your carrier is willing to endorse the additional insured to the policy, you must explain that the endorsement will result in an additional premium. Depending on the carrier, this may or may not result in the additional insured receiving a 30-day notification. If this is not an option, advise your customer that the notice cannot be provided. A good risk management practice is to put this statement in writing to your insured.



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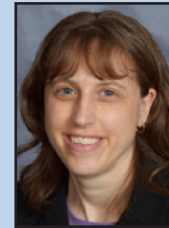
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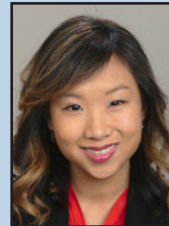
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EPLI Coverage Is Worth Another Look Now That Human Rights Act Allows For Jury Trials

By Bill Celebrezze

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Employment Practices Liability Insurance, or EPLI coverage, has become increasingly available over the past two decades. A typical EPLI policy provides coverage for claims arising out of certain defined “employment practices,” which often include harassment, sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation. Minnesota law prohibits all of these types of conduct, which are considered “unfair employment practices” under the Minnesota Human Rights Act. An employer who violates the MHRA may be liable for a wide variety of money damages, including back pay and benefits, compensatory damages which may be multiplied in an amount up to three times the actual damages, punitive damages of up to \$25,000, a civil penalty payable to the State, damages for mental anguish and suffering, and reasonable attorney’s fees and costs.

For many years, MHRA claims were tried to the judge in what is known as a “bench trial”. Back in 1995, when that was the case, the Supreme Court of Minnesota addressed the issue of multiplying compensatory damages. The Supreme Court held that a trial judge is vested with discretion to multiply damages after a finding that the employer has engaged in an unfair discriminatory practice, up to three times the amount proven at trial, without making additional findings that the employee was not fully compensated. The Supreme Court noted that the MHRA contains no guidelines as to when, or under what circumstances, a trial judge may multiply compensatory damages. In other words, it was simply left up to the judge.

In 2014, the MHRA was amended to allow for jury trials of MHRA claims. Under current law, an employee bringing a civil action seeking redress for an unfair discriminatory practice, or an employer defending such an action, is entitled to a jury trial. If a jury finds the employer liable, it shall issue a verdict directing appropriate relief, which includes compensatory damages, which the jury may multiply by a factor of up to three.

At present, juries deciding employment cases under the MHRA are given the same discretion as judges to determine when, and to what extent, to multiply compensatory damages. To this point, the courts have not given juries any guidance in making this determination. Nor has a standard jury instruction been developed on the subject. The decision to multiply, and the multiplication factor, are now in the hands of the jury. Having lay people make these determinations likely increases the risk of damages exposure associated with employment claims here in Minnesota. It also provides agents and brokers with a compelling reason to encourage employers in this state to give EPLI coverage another look.



Bill Celebrezze has been in private practice since 1992. His practice centers on the defense of employment and insurance agency E&O claims. He works with his clients in a collaborative effort to advance their legal interests. He joined Tomsche, Sonnesyn & Tomsche, P.A. in 2015.

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Now that the state legislature has enacted a one-time subsidy program for Minnesotans caught in the collapse of our individual health insurance marketplace, discussions have begun on legislation making more permanent changes to the individual market. At the top of the list of long-term reforms is the creation of a state reinsurance pool.

Reinsurance

Since the Accountable Care Act will likely not be repealed or replaced during our legislative session, any reinsurance model must be consistent with the ACA's guaranteed issue. We cannot reinstitute the MCHA program in which people are denied coverage to become eligible for the pool. Any reinsurance mechanism must assure guaranteed issue. Two differing ideas about reinsurance pooling are being presented at the capitol.

The Council of Health Plans have been working on a reinsurance pool that relies on the concepts of reinsurance prevalent to the property-casualty. The plans propose a medical expense threshold that would serve as an attachment point at which a state funded reinsurance pool would provide financial assistance. The attachment point and the state pool's share of the risk have yet to be determined.

The Department of Commerce is looking closely at the Alaska reinsurance program that has been accepted by the federal government and is up and running. The Alaska reinsurance mechanism identifies specific conditions that can be ceded to the reinsurance pool. Whether people will be re-insured based upon medical history or after a specific diagnosis/treatment would need to be decided. While this is like MCHA but the ceding to the pool would not occur during the application process but behind the scenes. The policyholder need not now they coverage has been placed into the pool.

Hearing on reinsurance will begin next week and we will get a better picture of these proposals. Our position would likely be to support any proposal that assures the continuation of the individual insurance market in 2018.

MinnesotaCare Public Option

Another health care proposal to address the problems of the individual markets is being offered by Governor Dayton. His proposal would make the state MinnesotaCare program a public option offered in competition with private insurance through the health insurance exchange. Enrollees would pay a sliding premium based on income. Such a program could be very problematic for maintaining a viable private market in Minnesota.



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Seat Belt Gag Rule

This proposal would repeal current law that prohibits seat belt use from being admissible as evidence in court. This would then allow seat belt usage to be discussed in no-fault cases for purpose of determining degrees of negligence.

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- 5/17 - 5/19/17 Maple Grove** Commercial Multi-Line
- 6/7 - 6/8/17 Duluth** *Ruble Graduate Seminar
- 8/9 - 8/11/17 Maple Grove** Personal Lines
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