

REAL ESTATE PRACTICE SUPPLEMENT

Name of Applicant Firm: _____

Real Estate Practice Breakdown

1. What percent of the Applicant Firms' real estate practice receipts for the current year and preceding year have come from the following areas:

	Current Year	Previous 12 Months
	_____%	_____%
	_____%	_____%

- a. Purchase and Sale Residential Property
 Commercial
e.g., transactional work performed on behalf of buyers or sellers including negotiations and drafting of earnest money contracts (purchase agreements), option agreements, deeds and other closing documents, representation at closing and other related activities.

Purchase and Sale Size	Current Year	Previous 12 Months
Estimate Average Transaction Size	\$ _____	\$ _____

Purchase and Sale Volume	# _____	# _____
Estimated Number of Transactions Handled		

- b. Land Use/Development _____% _____%
e.g., representation of landowners, developers and others in zoning, subdivision, planned unit developments, wetlands and other development and land use processes before federal, state and/or local governmental units.

- c. Mortgages, Contracts for Deeds and Foreclosure _____% _____%
e.g., representation of lenders in the purchase money financing, refinancing or other real estate secured lending, including negotiation of loan documents, foreclosure of mortgages or trustee's sales under deeds of trust and other exercises of remedies in the event of a default or breach under the financing documents.*
***Please complete the Financial Institutions Supplement if any income derived from representation of financial institutions.**

- d. Landlord/Tenant _____% _____%
e.g., representation of either landlords or tenants in the drafting and negotiation of lease terms, representation in litigation brought to challenge or enforce the lease, evict the tenant or collect amounts owing.

- e. Construction Work and Mechanics' Liens _____% _____%
e.g., representation of developers, contractors, lenders and land owners in connection with the construction of improvements upon real estate and claims (such as mechanics' liens) arising out of construction of such improvements.

- f. Real Estate Tax Abatement/Property Valuation _____% _____%
e.g., representation of property owners before county agencies and courts in proceedings to contest property valuations and obtain abatements or refunds of assessed real estate taxes.

- g. Condominiums, Cooperatives, and Town Houses (Including Conversions) _____% _____%
e.g., representation of developers, homeowners' associations, cooperative boards of directors, or individuals in the issues arising out of the common ownership and common rights of such property ownership.

- h. Loan Workouts* _____% _____%
e.g., representation of lenders, or federal or state regulatory agencies (such as the Resolution Trust Corporation or a state superintendent of banking) in connection with restructuring of real estate secured loans.*
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i. Foreclosure Defense	_____%	_____%
<i>e.g., representation of borrowers in opposition of foreclosures of real estate secured loans.</i>		
j. Eminent Domain.....	_____%	_____%
<i>e.g., representation of property owners whose property is being acquired by a local, state or federal authority using its power of eminent domain</i>		
k. Loan Modifications	_____%	_____%
<i>e.g. representation of borrowers seeking restructuring of real estate secured loans</i>		
l. Short sales	_____%	_____%
<i>e.g., representation of borrowers seeking sale of a property for less than the value of the related real estate secured loans.</i>		
m. Other (Please describe) _____	_____%	_____%
TOTAL: (Must equal 100%)		_____%

Real Estate Practice – Risk Management

Procedures and Controls

- 2. Has anyone in the firm represented 2 or more parties relative to any real estate transaction? Yes No
If yes, please describe how potential conflicts of interest are addressed (attach a separate sheet)
- 3. When your firm represents a lender in a real estate transaction, does your firm require that the borrower(s) sign an acknowledgment form specifying that your firm does not represent the borrower(s) in such transaction?..... Yes No
- 4. Flip Transactions:
 - a. Has anyone in the firm provided legal services in connection with a “flip transaction” (i.e. a transaction where the same real property is bought and re-sold almost simultaneously)? Yes No
 - b. If “Yes” to Question 4.a., do you always disclose this in writing to the lender involved? Yes No
- 5. Does at least one of the attorneys in the firm attend all real estate closings in which the firm has represented a party in the transaction?..... Yes No
- 6. Does the firm preserve the factual sources and verifications made to support legal opinions in any real estate matter? Yes No

Investments

- 7. Does anyone in the firm provide services to clients who form, manage, or organize group investment syndications (e.g. limited partnership, general partnership, real estate investment trusts or corporations) for the purpose of investing in real property? Yes No
If yes, please provide details
- 8. Does anyone in the firm solicit or seek investors in real estate mortgages or similar real estate based investments? Yes No
If yes, please provide details
- 9. Do you have a policy prohibiting an attorney with an investment in a client from working on real estate transactions of that client? Yes No
- 10. Do you require all attorneys working for the firm to disclose all investments in real estate clients? Yes No

Environmental

11. Does the Applicant Firm’s legal services in connection with a property transfer or leasing transaction include documented protocols to evaluate:

- a. Whether the type of business in question creates, or may in the past have created, environmental problems?
..... Yes No N/A
- b. Whether any real or personal property owned or leased, now or in the past, or property to be acquired is likely to be contaminated by hazardous substances (e.g., asbestos, lead, PCBs, etc.)?
..... Yes No N/A
- c. are adjacent to ecologically sensitive areas (such as wetlands, flood plains, aquifers or conservation areas, etc.)?
..... Yes No N/A
- d. Whether any corporate entity connected to the client including all past and present parent subsidiaries, divisions and spin-offs has ever been fined, penalized, cited or sued for violating any federal, state or local environmental law or regulations?
..... Yes No N/A

If “No” to any part of Question 11, please provide details on a separate sheet of paper.

12. Does the Applicant Firm require:

- a. Investigation of potential, material environmental risks before resolution of price and other central terms and condition?
..... Yes No
- b. A thorough review with the client of the economic impact of known environmental considerations and potential benefits of further identification or qualification of environmental risks, in property transfer or leasing transactions with potential material environmental exposure? Yes No

If “No” to any part of Question 12, are clients advised in writing to seek independent professional evaluations of potential environmental exposures? Yes No

FRAUD WARNING STATEMENTS

ALABAMA APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO RESTITUTION FINES OR CONFINEMENT IN PRISON, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF.

ARKANSAS APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND CONFINEMENT IN PRISON.

COLORADO APPLICANTS: IT IS UNLAWFUL TO KNOWINGLY PROVIDE FALSE, INCOMPLETE, OR MISLEADING FACTS OR INFORMATION TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING OR ATTEMPTING TO DEFRAUD THE COMPANY. PENALTIES MAY INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT, FINES, DENIAL OF INSURANCE, AND CIVIL DAMAGES. ANY INSURANCE COMPANY OR AGENT OF AN INSURANCE COMPANY WHO KNOWINGLY PROVIDES FALSE, INCOMPLETE, OR MISLEADING FACTS OR INFORMATION TO A POLICY HOLDER OR CLAIMANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING OR ATTEMPTING TO DEFRAUD THE POLICY HOLDER OR CLAIMANT WITH REGARD TO A SETTLEMENT OR AWARD PAYABLE FROM INSURANCE PROCEEDS SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE COLORADO DIVISION OF INSURANCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPLICANTS: IT IS A CRIME TO PROVIDE FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO AN INSURER FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING THE INSURER OR ANY OTHER PERSON. PENALTIES INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT AND/OR FINES. IN ADDITION, AN INSURER MAY DENY INSURANCE BENEFITS IF FALSE INFORMATION MATERIALLY RELATED TO A CLAIM WAS PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT.

FLORIDA APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO INJURE, DEFRAUD OR DECEIVE ANY INSURER FILES A STATEMENT OF CLAIM OR AN APPLICATION CONTAINING ANY FALSE, INCOMPLETE, OR MISLEADING INFORMATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE THIRD DEGREE.

HAWAII APPLICANTS: FOR YOUR PROTECTION, HAWAII LAW REQUIRES YOU TO BE INFORMED THAT PRESENTING A FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT IS A CRIME PUNISHABLE BY FINES OR IMPRISONMENT, OR BOTH.

KANSAS APPLICANTS: A " FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACT " MEANS AN ACT COMMITTED BY ANY PERSON WHO, KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD, PRESENTS, CAUSES TO BE PRESENTED OR PREPARES WITH KNOWLEDGE OR BELIEF THAT IT WILL BE PRESENTED TO OR BY AN INSURER, PURPORTED INSURER, BROKER OR ANY AGENT THEREOF, ANY WRITTEN STATEMENT AS PART OF, OR IN SUPPORT OF, AN APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF, OR THE RATING OF AN INSURANCE POLICY FOR PERSONAL OR COMMERCIAL INSURANCE, OR A CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OR OTHER BENEFIT PURSUANT TO AN INSURANCE POLICY FOR COMMERCIAL OR PERSONAL INSURANCE WHICH SUCH PERSON KNOWS TO CONTAIN MATERIALLY FALSE INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY FACT MATERIAL THERETO; OR CONCEALS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MISLEADING, INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY FACT MATERIAL THERETO.

KENTUCKY APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD ANY INSURANCE COMPANY OR OTHER PERSON FILES AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE CONTAINING ANY MATERIALLY FALSE INFORMATION OR CONCEALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MISLEADING, INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY FACT MATERIAL THERETO COMMITS A FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACT, WHICH IS A CRIME.

LOUISIANA APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND CONFINEMENT IN PRISON.

MAINE APPLICANTS: IT IS A CRIME TO KNOWINGLY PROVIDE FALSE, INCOMPLETE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING THE COMPANY. PENALTIES MAY INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT, FINES OR A DENIAL OF INSURANCE BENEFITS.

MARYLAND APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY OR WILLFULLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR WHO KNOWINGLY OR WILLFULLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND CONFINEMENT IN PRISON.

NEW HAMPSHIRE APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO INJURE, DECEIVE, DEFRAUD ANY INSURER OR OTHER PERSON FILES AN APPLICATION OR A CLAIM CONTAINING ANY FALSE, INCOMPLETE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION OR CONCEALS INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY MATERIAL FACT COMMITS INSURANCE FRAUD, WHICH IS A CRIME AND SUBJECTS SUCH PERSON TO CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES.

NEW JERSEY APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO INCLUDES ANY FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN INSURANCE POLICY IS SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES.

NEW MEXICO APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL FINES AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

OHIO APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO, WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD OR KNOWING THAT HE IS FACILITATING A FRAUD AGAINST AN INSURER, SUBMITS AN APPLICATION OR FILES A CLAIM CONTAINING A FALSE OR DECEPTIVE STATEMENT IS GUILTY OF INSURANCE FRAUD.

OKLAHOMA APPLICANTS: WARNING: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY, AND WITH INTENT TO INJURE, DEFRAUD OR DECEIVE ANY INSURER, MAKES ANY CLAIM FOR THE PROCEEDS OF AN INSURANCE POLICY CONTAINING ANY FALSE, INCOMPLETE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY.

OREGON APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD OR SOLICIT ANOTHER TO DEFRAUD AN INSURER: (1) BY SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION OR; (2) FILING A CLAIM CONTAINING A FALSE STATEMENT AS TO ANY MATERIAL FACT MAY BE VIOLATING STATE LAW.

PENNSYLVANIA APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD ANY INSURANCE COMPANY OR OTHER PERSON FILES AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE OR STATEMENT OF CLAIM CONTAINING ANY MATERIALLY FALSE INFORMATION OR CONCEALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MISLEADING, INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY FACT MATERIAL THERETO COMMITS A FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACT, WHICH IS A CRIME AND SUBJECTS SUCH PERSON TO CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES.

PUERTO RICO APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD AN INSURANCE COMPANY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN INSURANCE APPLICATION, OR PRESENTS, HELPS, OR CAUSES THE PRESENTATION OF A FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR THE PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR ANY OTHER BENEFIT, OR PRESENTS MORE THAN ONE CLAIM FOR THE SAME DAMAGE OR LOSS, SHALL INCUR A FELONY AND, UPON CONVICTION, SHALL BE SANCTIONED FOR EACH VIOLATION WITH THE PENALTY OF A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND (5,000) DOLLARS AND NOT MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND (10,000) DOLLARS, OR A FIXED TERM OF IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE (3) YEARS, OR BOTH PENALTIES. IF AGGRAVATED CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAIL, THE FIXED ESTABLISHED IMPRISONMENT MAY BE INCREASED TO A MAXIMUM OF FIVE (5) YEARS; IF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAIL, IT MAY BE REDUCED TO A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) YEARS.

RHODE ISLAND APPLICANTS: "ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND CONFINEMENT IN PRISON."

TENNESSEE APPLICANTS: IT IS A CRIME TO KNOWINGLY PROVIDE FALSE, INCOMPLETE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING THE COMPANY. PENALTIES INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT, FINES AND DENIAL OF INSURANCE BENEFITS.

VIRGINIA APPLICANTS: IT IS A CRIME TO KNOWINGLY PROVIDE FALSE, INCOMPLETE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING THE COMPANY. PENALTIES INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT, FINES AND DENIAL OF INSURANCE BENEFITS.

VERMONT APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE STATEMENT IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE MAY BE GUILTY OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND SUBJECT TO PENALTIES UNDER STATE LAW.

WASHINGTON APPLICANTS: IT IS A CRIME TO KNOWINGLY PROVIDE FALSE, INCOMPLETE, OR MISLEADING INFORMATION TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAUDING THE COMPANY. PENALTIES INCLUDE IMPRISONMENT, FINES, AND DENIAL OF INSURANCE BENEFITS.

WEST VIRGINIA APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND CONFINEMENT IN PRISON.

NEW YORK APPLICANTS: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD ANY INSURANCE COMPANY OR OTHER PERSON FILES AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE OR STATEMENT OF CLAIM CONTAINING ANY MATERIALLY FALSE INFORMATION, OR CONCEALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MISLEADING, INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY FACT MATERIAL THERETO, COMMITS A FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACT, WHICH IS A CRIME, AND SHALL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THE STATED VALUE OF THE CLAIM FOR EACH SUCH VIOLATION.

SIGNATURE _____

TITLE: _____ DATE _____

Required applicants in Florida, Iowa & New Hampshire

Name of Broker _____
(Required: FLORIDA, IOWA, NEW HAMPSHIRE only)

Broker License #. _____
(Required: FLORIDA only)

Print Name _____

Name of Agency _____

Address _____

Date _____

Broker Signature _____
(Required: NEW HAMPSHIRE only)