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## Insurance Agents Risk Management HOTLINE: To help resolve issues before they become claims

## What does this Hotline offer to the policyholder?

This Hotline, which is staffed by attorneys at Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck LLP, a full-service national law firm that has expertise in counseling on insurance agent and broker matters, offers toll-free access to confidential advice regarding loss control, best practices, and risk management needs. More importantly, the Hotline provides a human touch. Talking with an attorney is a faster, more reliable, and more personal way to get information than gleaning it from brochures and websites. By using the Hotline, policyholders get a free professional consultation lasting up to 30 minutes.

The service is offered by Nationwide and is available exclusively to policyholders of their agent/broker professional liability program written through Lee & Mason Financial Services Inc.

## Why is the Hotline important?

In this volatile litigation environment, it seems that any type of error or omission by an insurance agent or broker can result in a frustrating claim or lawsuit. A policy with Nationwide includes services, such as this Hotline, which can help you resolve matters before they become claims, as well as assist you in mitigating potential liability before a claim is made or a lawsuit is filed.

Here are some examples of situations where you need the support of a legal professional:

- You receive a subpoena for documents or a request for deposition testimony arising out of your services as an insurance agent.
- You realize you made an error in handling a client's insurance policy; however, the client is not yet aware of the error.
- You are looking for guidance on how to improve your policies and procedures.
- You are looking for resources, educational materials, best practices checklists, and other loss mitigation tools.
- You had a claim and want to improve your practices to avoid a similar situation in the future.

## How to find out more:

To find out more about Insurance Agents and Brokers Professional Liability coverages or to learn more about the Hotline, please call Linda Blechman at Lee & Mason, 860-677-0500, ext. 404, or visit leeandmason.com.

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