

Executive Risk Solutions for Solicitors

Policy summary

This leaflet provides a summary of the significant features, benefits and limitations of the cover provided by Zurich Insurance plc Executive Risk Solutions for Solicitors policy. The full terms, conditions and exclusions are shown in the policy document. If you want to see full details of the cover, please refer to the policy document.

Type of insurance and cover

The policy provides cover for personal and other liabilities in relation to running a solicitor practice for directors, officers, principals, supervisors, managers and others.

The standard duration of the non-investment insurance contract is 12 months.

Significant features and benefits

Cover extends to include Corporate liability.

Limits of liability up to £5 million.

Extends to reimburse the company in situations where they are allowed to pay directors' and officers' defence costs.

Cover includes Financial Loss arising out of Disciplinary proceedings brought against Compliance Officers for Legal Practice & Finance and Administration and Money Laundering Reporting Officers up to a sub limit of £250,000 in the aggregate.

Cover includes investigations into the affairs of the practice. This includes investigations by the Forensic Investigation Unit of the SRA up to a sub limit of £25,000 in the aggregate.

Cover includes legal representation at any proceeding subject to our written consent.

The policy cover applies at the time that a claim is made and the limits of liability includes all costs.

Cover can be additionally extended to include:

- Employment practice liability
- Employee dishonesty.

Significant and unusual exclusions or limitations

Proven fraud or illegal profit – No cover to apply where a fraud or illegal profit claim is held by a judgement or final decision.

All covered entities to be declared on the schedule.

Employment practice claims excluded from Section A and B (employment practice cover available under Section C as an option).

Professional or Legal services provided to a third party are excluded from Section A and B.

Claims brought by Principals against the entity are excluded from Section B and C.

Client account fraud excluded from Section D.

Insurance Act 2015

This policy is compliant with the principles of the Insurance Act 2015 law reforms. It also incorporates an 'opt out' which aims to promote good customer outcomes. We have opted-out of the 'proportionate reduction of claim remedy' available to insurers under the Act. This means that in cases of non-disclosure or misrepresentation which are neither deliberate nor reckless, if we would have charged an additional premium had we known the relevant facts, we will charge that premium and pay any claims in full rather than reducing claims payments in proportion to the amount of premium that would have been charged.

We believe that our 'additional premium approach' should, in most situations, be more favourable to our customers when compared to the proportionate reduction of claim remedy. Our additional premium approach does not affect our right to apply the other remedies available under the Act for non-disclosure or misrepresentation.

Cancellation rights

This policy does not entitle you to a cooling-off period.

Claims

To notify a claim please contact Financial Lines Claims Team, UK Claims Operation, Zurich Insurance plc 70 Mark Lane, London, EC3R 7NQ

E Mail:

professional&financial.lines.newclaims@uk.zurich.com

Our complaints procedure

We are committed to providing a high level of customer service. If you do not feel we have delivered this, we would welcome the opportunity to put things right for you.

Many concerns can be resolved straight away. Therefore in the first instance, please get in touch with your usual contact at Zurich or your broker or insurance intermediary, as they will generally be able to provide you with a prompt response to your satisfaction. Contact details will be provided on correspondence that we or our representatives have sent you.

If we can resolve your complaint to your satisfaction within the first few days of receipt, we will do so. Otherwise, we will keep you updated with progress and will provide you with our decision as quickly as possible.

If you are not happy with the outcome of your complaint, you may be able to ask the Financial Ombudsman Service to review your case.

We will let you know if we believe the ombudsman service can consider your complaint when we provide you with our decision. The service they provide is free and impartial, but you would need to contact them within 6 months of the date of our decision.

More information about the ombudsman and the type of complaints they can review is available via their website www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk.

You can also contact them as follows:

Post: Financial Ombudsman Service,

Exchange Tower, London, E14 9SR

Telephone: 08000 234567

(free on mobile phones and landlines)

Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

If the Financial Ombudsman Service is unable to consider your complaint, you may wish to obtain advice from the Citizens Advice Bureau or seek legal advice.

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) which means that you may be entitled to compensation if we are unable to meet our obligations to you. Further information is available on www.fscs.org.uk or by contacting the FSCS directly on 0800 678 1100.

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Zurich Insurance plc is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland and authorised and subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority. Details about the extent of our authorisation by the Financial Conduct Authority are available from us on request. Our FCA Firm Reference Number is 203093.

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