Errors & Omissions Risk Management

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- Introduction and Overview
 - Why are we here?
 - Increase in Claims
 - Product changes
 - Changing carrier relationships
 - Strength of Plaintiff's bar
 - Reasonable client expectations
 - Changing Client relationships
 - Emerging Exposures



- The Agency Self Audit & Procedures
 - "The Agency Way"



- Duties of Agents
 - Absolute Professional
 - Created over promise



- What causes claims
 - Lack of Uniform Practices and Procedures
 - Lack of Compliance
 - Inadequate Training
 - Time Constraints
 - Chronic Backlog
 - Hiring the Wrong People



- Who Causes Claims
 - Producers 53%
 - Account Managers 17%
 - CSR'S 24%

- Claims Frequency
 - New Business 11.8%
 - Renewals 27.37%
 - New Existing Clients 20.4%



- Claims by Type of Coverage
 - Commercial Lines 54%
 - GL
 - Auto



- Claims by Type
 - Personal Lines 31%
 - Homeowners
 - Auto
 - Flood



- Recommendation Errors
- Claims Errors
- Policy Change Errors
- Application Errors
- Failure to Procure
- Failure to Adequately Explain Provisions

- Exposure Management
 - Certificates of Insurance
 - GL #1 cause of loss

Cancellations and Reinstatements

Proper Notice
Proper Documentation



- Company Authority
 - Binding Authority
 - Underwriting Limits
 - Special Authority
 - Special Limitations

- Technology and Electronic Records
 - Computer Generated Records
 - Legal Admissibility of EDP Documents



- Excess & Surplus Lines
 - Non Admitted Carriers
 - Proper Licensing
 - Non Standard Forms



Special Concerns

- Doctrine of Reasonable Expectation (Estopel)
- Advertising Materials
- Case Study



- E&O Gaps
 - Activities beyond basic
 - Specialized Products

When You Have an Incident (Claim)

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E&O Survey & Management

Case Reviews

"They both were blind"

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- Case Study
 - "Did you write Life Insurance"

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E&O Survey & Management

Case Study

"Was the file locked"

Case Study

"Who managed the property"



Case Study

"Is there a problem"

Case Study

"Was there a flood"

Thanks for attending today's session