LIABILITY INSURANCE UPDATE

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Broker Issues

- Eliot Sptizer
- Bid Rigging
- Tying
- Business Models
- Contingency Vs. Placement Service Agreements
- Impact of the Insurance Industry
 - o Income Transparency
 - o Internal Changes for Some
 - o Significant Personnel Moves Within the Top 3 U.S. Brokers

INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

Property

- Continued Softening
- Increased Wind & Flood Deductibles
- **❖** More Competition
- **❖** Ample Capacity

General Liability

- * Rates Flat to Down for Good Risks
- Continued Emphasis on Loss Prevention
- ❖ A Few More Players
- ❖ Zurich, Wausau, Fireman's Fund Still the major National Carriers
- ❖ Some Excellent Regional and Niche Carriers
- Large Claims
 - o Assaults
 - o Drownings
 - o Slips and Falls

Automobile

- ❖ Still a Loss Leader but Close to Breaking Even
- Driver Control Critical
- ❖ Potential Area for Punitive Damages

Umbrella

- **❖** General Softening
- More Carriers
- ❖ Several "High Limit" Programs
- ❖ A lot of Capacity

Workers' Compensation

- ❖ Toughest Insurance Line
- ❖ Very State Specific
- ❖ Individual Client Experience Driven
- Financials Very Important for Loss Sensitive Programs
- California Slowly Improving
- Loss Prevention Critical to Controlling Premium Costs
- ❖ Medical Costs now 50%+ of Hospitality Workers' Compensation Claims Cost

The Bests Risks Have the Lowest Insurance Costs