

**Table 1:**  
**PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**  
**AROUND THE WORLD** \*Note: for information purpose; not a comprehensive listing

LOCATION	MANDATORY PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE REQUIRED		MINIMUM COVERAGE
	YES	NO	
<b>ASIA<sup>1</sup></b>			
Malaysia	X		RM 250,000 for sole practitioner to maximum RM 2M for multi practitioner firm
Hong Kong	X		HK\$10,000,000
Singapore	X		S\$1,000,000
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>			
New South Wales <sup>2</sup>	X		AUS\$2,000,000 per claim
South Australia <sup>3</sup>	X		AUS\$2,000,000 per claim
Queensland <sup>4</sup>	X		See Note 4
Tasmania <sup>5</sup>	X		AUS\$1,500,000
Victoria <sup>6</sup>	X		AUS\$2,000,000
Western Australia <sup>7</sup>	X		
<b>CANADA</b>			
British Columbia	X		CDN\$1,000,000
Alberta	X		CDN\$1,000,000
Saskatchewan	X		CDN\$1,000,000
Manitoba	X		CDN\$1,000,000

<sup>1</sup> “Hong Kong Solicitors Indemnity Scheme Review of Insurance Arrangements Review Report” (28 November 2003), online: The Legislative Council of Hong Kong < <http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr03-04/english/panels/ajls/papers/aj0129cb2-1092-1e-scan.pdf>>.

<sup>2</sup> Professional Indemnity Insurance Policy 2010/2011”, online: LawCover, <[http://203.147.162.122/filelibrary/Files/Insurance/Sample\\_10.11CPII%20Policy\(standard\)\\_FINAL.pdf](http://203.147.162.122/filelibrary/Files/Insurance/Sample_10.11CPII%20Policy(standard)_FINAL.pdf)>.

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.lawsociety.asn.au/other/lawclaims.asp>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.qls.com.au/content/lwp/wcm/connect/QLS/Your%20Legal%20Career/Practice%20Support/Professional%20Indemnity%20Insurance/>; Queensland Law Society Limitation of Liability Scheme acts to put a limit on liability in damages on solicitors effective July 1, 2010. Some members are eligible for a cap of liability of AUS\$1.5M to AUS\$10M depending on Class of Members: [www.qls.com/content/lwp/wcm/resources/file/eb50b4068565216/100604-official-QLSLOL-scheme/document.pdf](http://www.qls.com/content/lwp/wcm/resources/file/eb50b4068565216/100604-official-QLSLOL-scheme/document.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [Taslawociety.asn.au/web/en/lawsociety/practice/ConditionsPC.html](http://www.taslawociety.asn.au/web/en/lawsociety/practice/ConditionsPC.html); “Professional Indemnity Insurance Master Policy: 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006”, online: The Law Society of Tasmania <<http://www.taslawociety.asn.au/news/2006MasterPolicy.pdf>>.

<sup>6</sup> “Contract for Professional Indemnity Insurance for Solicitors: 2010/2011” online: Legal Practitioners Liability Committee, <<http://lplc.websynergy.com.au/media/file/policies/LPLC-Policyforsolicitors-10-11.pdf>>.

<sup>7</sup> [www.lawsocietywa.asn.au/moverview.htm](http://www.lawsocietywa.asn.au/moverview.htm)

Ontario	X		CDN\$1,000,000
Quebec	X		CDN\$10,000,000
New Brunswick	X		CDN\$1,000,000
Nova Scotia	X		CDN\$1,000,000
Prince Edward Island	X		CDN\$1,000,000
Newfoundland	X		CDN\$1,000,000
Yukon	X		CDN\$1,000,000
Northwest Territories	X		CDN\$1,000,000
Yukon	X		CDN\$1,000,000
<b>EUROPE<sup>8</sup></b>			
Austria	X		€400,000 for a single lawyer
Belgium	X		€1,250,000 for a single lawyer
Czech Republic	X		Kč 1,000,000 for a sole lawyer
Denmark	X		Kr DKK 2.5M
Estonia	X		kr EEK 1,000,000 for one insured
Finland	X		FIM 1,000,000
France	X		€3,850,000 per loss per lawyer
Germany	X		€250,000 per loss
Greece		X	
Hungary	X		Ft 5,000,000 per damage
Iceland	X		
Ireland	X		€2.5M each claim
Italy		X	
Latvia		X	
Lithuania	X		LTL 100,000
Lichtenstein	X		CHF 1,000,000
Luxemburg	X		€1,250,000
The Netherlands	X		€453,780 per event
Norway	X		kr NOK 2,000,000 per claim
Poland	X		Zł PLN404,890 (2009)
Portugal	X		€150,000 per lawyer
Slovakia	X		SKK 3,000,000
Slovenia	X		€250,000
Sweden	X		kr SEK 3,000,000 for pure economic loss caused by error or

<sup>8</sup> Revised Comparative Table on Professional Indemnity October 2009” (27 August 2010), online: Counsel of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) <[http://www.ccbe.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/NTCdocument/REVISED\\_Comparative\\_1\\_1282909942.pdf](http://www.ccbe.org/fileadmin/user_upload/NTCdocument/REVISED_Comparative_1_1282909942.pdf)> at 39-43 and 62- 66.

			neglect and kr SEK 10,000,000 for damages caused by crime against property
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>		X	
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>			
England and Wales <sup>9</sup>	X		£2,000,000 per claim for sole practitioner; bodies corporate £3M
Northern Ireland <sup>10</sup>	X		£250,000 for junior counsel; £500,000 for senior counsel
Scotland <sup>11</sup>	X		£2,000,000 per claim (2008)
<b>UNITED STATES</b>			
Oregon <sup>12</sup>	X		US\$300,000 per claim
All Other States		X	
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b> <sup>13</sup>			AIIF provides professional indemnity coverage to all legal practitioners: R 1,562,500 for sole practitioner (2010). Generally determined by number of partners or directors of firm

<sup>9</sup> Professional Indemnity Insurance” (8 June 2010), online: The Law Society <<http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/productsandservices/practicenotes/piinsurance/4527.article>>; *Supra* note 1

<sup>10</sup> [www.lawsoc-ni.org/about-us/regulatory-framework-/?keywords=professional+indemnity](http://www.lawsoc-ni.org/about-us/regulatory-framework-/?keywords=professional+indemnity); *Supra* note 1

<sup>11</sup> [www.lawscot.org.uk/forthepublic/consumer-protections/professional-indemnity](http://www.lawscot.org.uk/forthepublic/consumer-protections/professional-indemnity)

<sup>12</sup> “Professional Liability Insurance Directory” *Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability* (6 May 2009) online: American Bar Association

<<http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/lpl/directory/carriers/oregon.html>>; “State Implementation of ABA Model Court on Insurance Disclosure” *American Bar Association Standing Committee on Client Protection* (7 October 2010), online: American Bar Association Standing Committee on Client Protection <[http://www.abanet.org/cpr/clientpro/malprac\\_disc\\_chart.pdf](http://www.abanet.org/cpr/clientpro/malprac_disc_chart.pdf)>.

<sup>13</sup> [www.aiif.co.za/index.php?certificate-of-insurance](http://www.aiif.co.za/index.php?certificate-of-insurance); [www.aiif.co.za/downloads/2010-2011\\_english\\_policy.pdf](http://www.aiif.co.za/downloads/2010-2011_english_policy.pdf); Attorneys Insurance Indemnity Fund (AIIF) provides insurance coverage at no cost to practitioners. AIIF provides professional indemnity insurance cover to all legal practitioners through annual premiums paid by the Attorneys Fidelity Fund.