

INSURANCE ISSUE

Your 2026 Program:

Online renewal restarted, premiums unchanged

Quick summary:

- No change to base premium for 2026: \$3,250
- Auto-renew has been removed and you must complete your renewal and update your payment information on or before November 6
- Late filing surcharge of \$350 starts November 7 and no file surcharge of \$600 starts December 4
- Early payment discount discontinued

How to renew your insurance

You must renew your insurance for the 2026 year online at my.lawpro.ca

Your policy will not renew automatically.

You also need to update your payment information online.

RENEW ONLINE

Important Dates

Policy renewals available

October 6, 2025

Online insurance renewal applications for 2026 available beginning October 6, 2025

Quarterly transaction levies and forms due

October 31, 2025

Real estate and civil litigation transaction levies and forms are due for the quarter ended September 30, 2025

Renewal application filing deadline

November 6, 2025

Renewal applications filed after November 6 will be subject to a \$350 surcharge. LAWYERS who do not file on or before December 3, 2025, will pay a \$600 surcharge and a default policy will be issued on their behalf.

Quarterly transaction levies and forms due

January 31, 2026

Real estate and civil litigation transaction levies and forms are due for the quarter ended December 31, 2025

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What's new for 2026



Q: Why must I renew online?

This year, all insureds must complete a renewal form online at my.lawpro.ca. This is important because it helps us maintain upto-date information on all our insureds and it is also needed to keep our underwriting, financial, and contact information current and accurate.

When renewing online, you must update your payment information, including payment method and frequency.

You may want to consider filing as a firm. Firm-wide filing saves time and ensures consistent coverage across all lawyers in your firm. A Managing Partner can handle the firm's insurance matters with a single application.

Q. What happens if I miss the November 6 filing deadline?

Applications filed after November 6 are subject to a \$350 surcharge. A no file surcharge of \$600 will be applied beginning December 4 and a default policy will be issued on your behalf.

Q. How do I renew my insurance coverage online?

Please see the step-by-step online renewal instructions for individuals and law firms beginning at page 3.

Early Payment Discount

For the 2026 renewal, LAWPRO is discontinuing the Early Payment Discount, which was previously offered to those paying the full base premium within the first 40 days by cheque or electronic funds transfer.

All other discounts offered by LAWPRO will remain, including:

- New Lawyer discount up to 50% discount off the base premium
- Restricted Area of Practice discount (criminal law and/or immigration law) – 50% discount off the base premium
- Part-Time Practice discount 50% discount off the base premium
- Designated Agency discount 75% discount off the base premium
- Risk Management Credit opportunity save up to \$100 on your premiums

Satisfaction Survey

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback in our recent customer satisfaction survey. Your comments are much appreciated and incredibly helpful. The new portal continues to be a work in progress, and we are updating the navigation to improve ease of use.



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2026 Individual Renewal

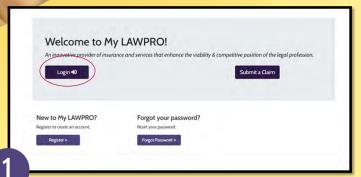
step-by-step instructions



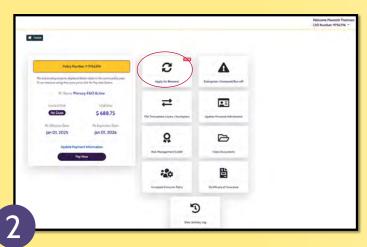
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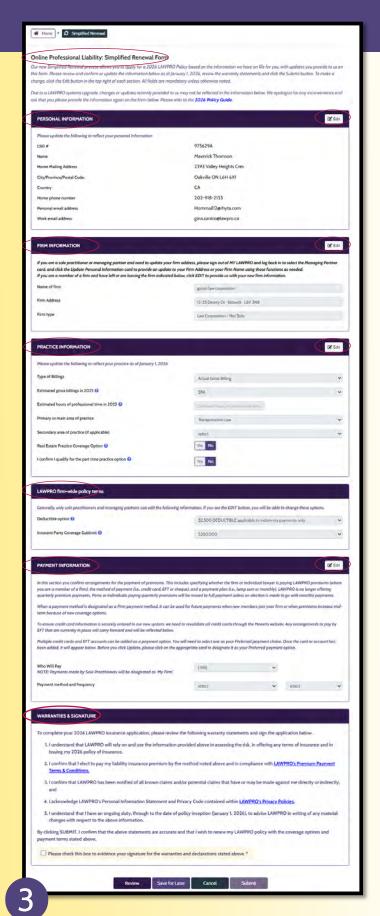
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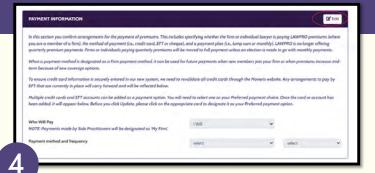
Visit my.lawpro.ca and login to your account using your LSO number and password.



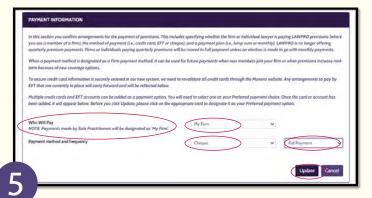
For individuals, click "Apply for Renewal" to be directed to the Renewal Form.



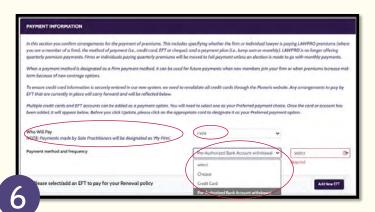
In the Renewal Form, edit each section to update your information as necessary.



Before submitting your renewal, you MUST review and update your "Payment Information."



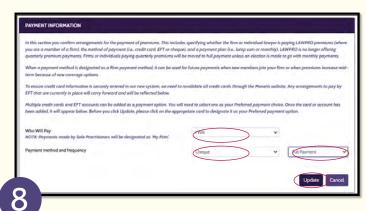
Next to "Who Will Pay" indicate whether you or your firm will be making the payment. If your firm will be paying on your behalf, next to "Payment method and frequency" select "cheque" and "full payment" and then click "Update."



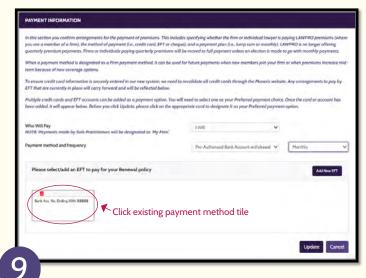
If you are paying on your own behalf, select "I Will." Payment method can be cheque, credit card or Pre-Authorized Bank Account withdrawal (EFT).



If you pay by credit card or EFT, you may choose full payment or monthly.



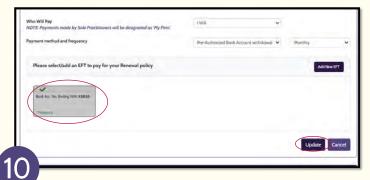
If you pay by cheque, you must pay in full. Once payment method and frequency are selected, click "Update."



If paying by credit card or EFT, an existing payment method tile may appear. If this tile contains the banking/credit card details you want to use to make payment, you need to click on the tile. See step 11 if a payment method tile does not appear.

2026 Individual Renewal

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When you click on the tile, it will turn grey and a green checkmark with the word "Preferred" will appear in the tile. Then click "Update."



If you do NOT see an existing payment method tile, or if you want to pay using a different bank account or credit card from the one in the existing tile, you need to add a new bank account or credit card by clicking "Add New EFT" or "Add New Card."





For example, if you are adding a new EFT, a pop-up window will appear where you can add your bank account details. After you click "Submit," another pop-up window will appear confirming "Instrument Details Added Successfully!". Click out of this window to go back to the Payment Information page.



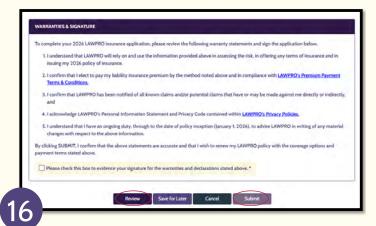
Similarly, if you want to add a new credit card, you will be redirected to the Moneris page to add your credit card details. Once you "Checkout", the same pop-up window confirmation will appear. Click out of this window to go back to the Payment Information page.



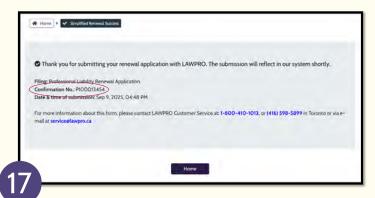
After you have added a new EFT or credit card, a white payment method tile will appear containing the banking/credit card added. You MUST select the tile by clicking on the tile.



When you click on the tile, it will turn grey and a green checkmark with the word "Preferred" will appear. You have now selected the bank account/credit card that will be used to make payment. Click "Update" to go back to the Renewal Form.



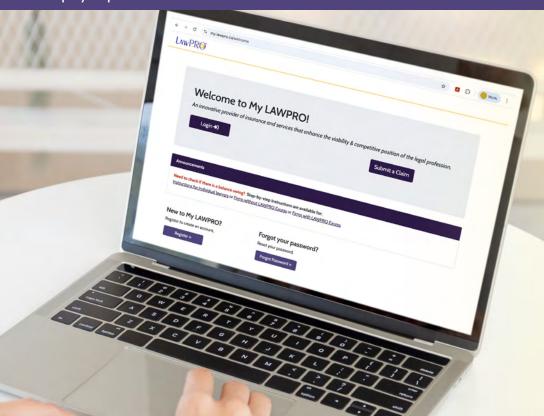
Complete your renewal in the "Warranties & Signature" section by clicking the signature box and clicking "Submit."



After you submit your renewal, you will be directed to the confirmation page, which contains your renewal Confirmation Number starting with the letter "P".

2026 Firm Renewal

step-by-step instructions

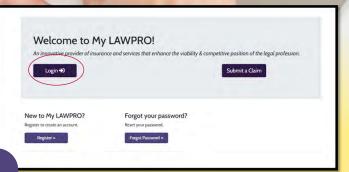


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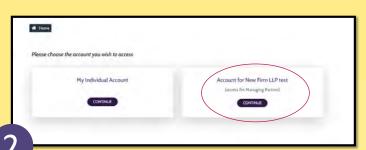
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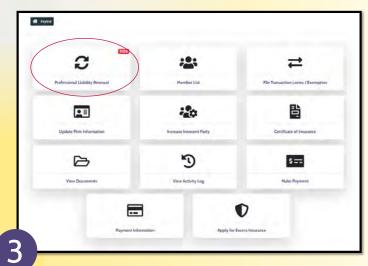
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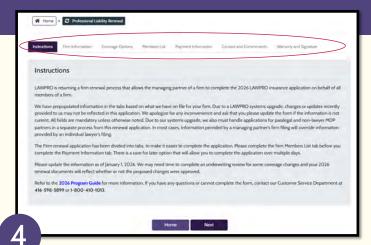
For law firm renewals, the Managing Partner should visit my.lawpro.ca and login to their account using their LSO number and password.



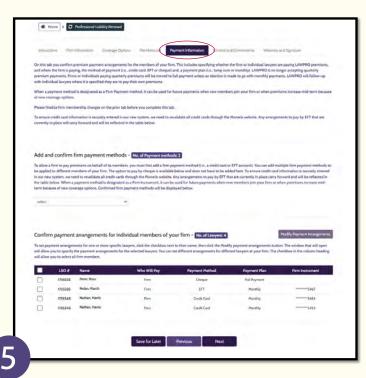
Select the law firm tile.



Select "Professional Liability Renewal."



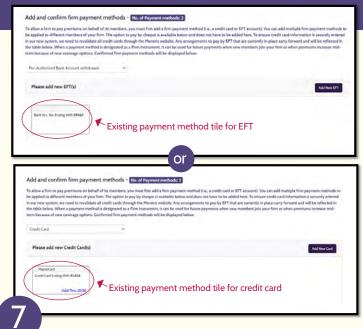
You will be directed to the "Instructions" page of the Firm Renewal form, then update the information under each tab.



You MUST review and update the "Payment Information" tab.



Bank accounts/credit cards can be added in the "Add and confirm firm payment methods" section. You can also confirm any existing payment methods in this section. To start, choose "Credit Card" or "Pre-Authorized Bank Account withdrawal" (EFT).



You can use an existing payment method (that appears as a white tile) or add a different bank account or credit card by clicking "Add New EFT" or "Add New Card" (as applicable).

For EFT - A pop-up window will appear where you can add your bank account details. After you submit the banking details, another pop-up window will appear confirming "Instrument Details Added Successfully!". Click out of this window to go back to the Payment Information page.

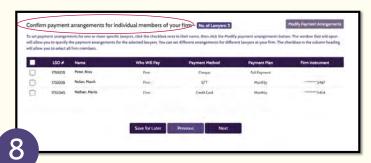




For credit cards - If you want to add a credit card, you will be redirected to the Moneris page to add your credit card details. After you submit the credit card details, another pop-up window will appear confirming "Instrument Details Added Successfully!". Click out of this window to go back to the Payment Information page.

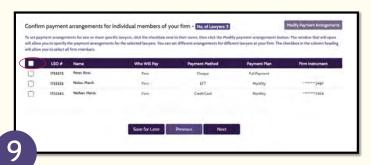


FIRM PAYING FOR ALL LAWYERS

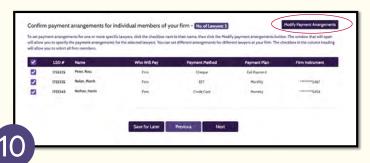


If the firm is paying for all lawyers:

Payment arrangements can be modified in the section called "Confirm payment arrangements for individual members of your firm."



If the same payment method will be used for all lawyers in the firm, click on the box next to "LSO#" to select all of the lawyers in the firm.



Then click on "Modify Payment Arrangements."

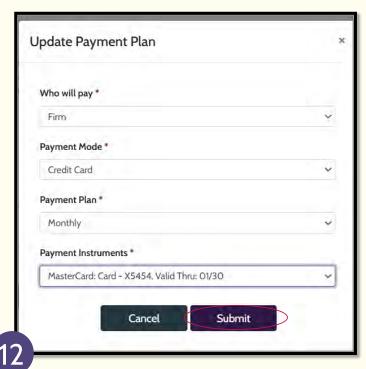


A pop-up window called "Update Payment Plan" will appear.

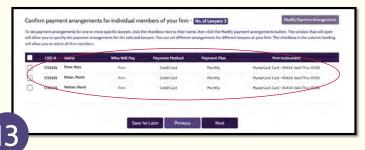
Under "Who Will Pay" if you select "Firm", you need to then select "Payment Mode" (which can be cheque, credit card or EFT).

Then select "Payment Plan" (which can be full payment or monthly). If you select cheque, the only option is to pay in full.

Then select the "Payment Instrument" you would like to use.



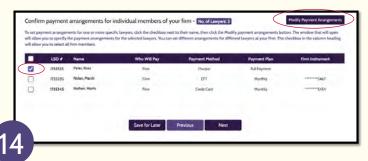
After you click "Submit" you will be directed back to the Payment Information page.



You will now see the same payment method used for all of the lawyers in your firm.

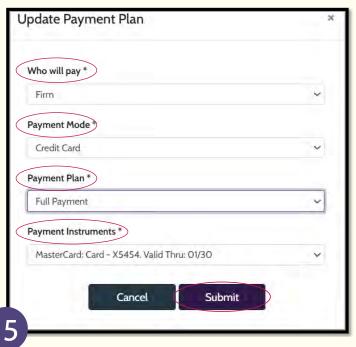
2026 Firm Renewal

FIRM PAYING for INDIVIDUAL/GROUP of LAWYERS using DIFFERENT PAYMENT METHODS



The firm has the option to use different payment methods for individual lawyers or groups of lawyers.

If the firm is using different payment methods for different lawyers (whether it is an individual lawyer or a specific group of lawyers), select the specific lawyer or group of lawyers, and click "Modify Payment Arrangements."



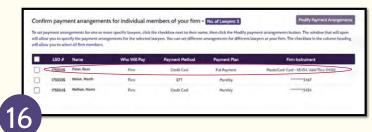
A pop-up window called "Update Payment Plan" will appear.

Under "Who Will Pay" select "Firm," then select "Payment Mode" which can be cheque, credit card or EFT.

Then select "Payment Plan" which can be full payment or monthly. If you select cheque, the only option is to pay in full.

Then select the "Payment Instrument" you would like to use to pay for those lawyers and click "Submit."

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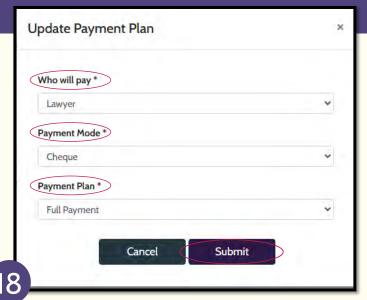
After you click "Submit" you will be directed back to the Payment Information page where you will see a specific payment method for the lawyer(s) that you chose.

OPTIONS WHEN A LAWYER IN A FIRM PAYS FOR THEIR OWN PREMIUMS



There may be situations where the firm is currently paying for a lawyer but will NOT be paying for that lawyer's 2026 premium. If the firm is NOT paying for a lawyer or a group of lawyers, select the lawyer(s) that will be paying on their own behalf, and click "Modify Payment Arrangements."

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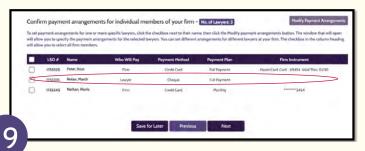


A pop-up window called "Update Payment Plan" will appear.

Under "Who Will Pay" select "Lawyer". Under "Payment Mode" cheque will prepopulate.

Under "Payment Plan" full payment will prepopulate.

Then click "Submit."

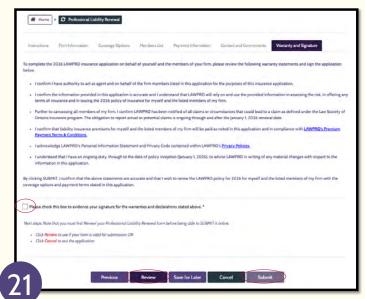


After you click "Submit" you will be directed back to the Payment Information page.



If a lawyer is currently paying their own premium and the firm wants to continue to have that lawyer pay for their 2026 premium using the same payment details currently displayed, do NOT select this lawyer. By not selecting this lawyer, they will continue to pay their 2026 premiums using the payment method displayed.

Once Payment Information has been completed, click "Next."



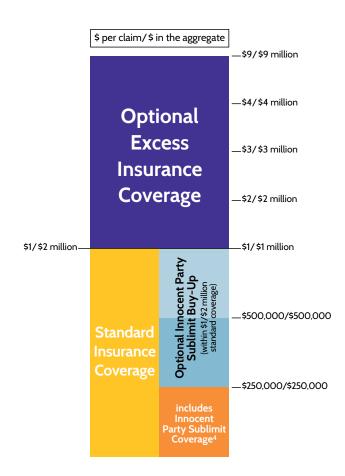
The firm renewal can be completed in the "Warranty and Signature" section by checking the signature box and clicking "Submit."



After you submit your renewal, you will be directed to the confirmation page, which contains your renewal Confirmation Number starting with the letter "P".

Lawyers in private practice

sole practitioners and lawyers in association or partnership¹



Standard insurance coverage

The base program

Eligibility:

Required of all lawyers¹ providing services in private practice.²

Premium reductions for new lawyers

LAWPRO provides premium discounts for new lawyers with less than 4 years of practice:

- 50% discount less than one year of practice
- 40% 2 years of practice
- 30% 3 years of practice
- 20% 4 years of practice

A "full year" of experience is deemed to be at least 200 days in practice, and years of experience as a licensed lawyer in practice in any jurisdiction will be considered when considering discount eligibility.

Coverage limit:

\$1 million per claim/\$2 million in the aggregate (i.e., for all claims made in 2025), applicable to claim expenses and/or indemnity payments (some exceptions apply).³

Standard deductible:

\$5,000 per claim, applicable to claim expenses and/or indemnity payments (some exceptions apply).³

Base premium:

\$3,250 per insured lawyer (plus PST).

Innocent party sublimit⁴

\$250,000 per claim/in the aggregate, applicable to claim expenses and/or indemnity payments (some exceptions apply).³

Includes paralegals practising as partners or shareholders in combined licensee firms.

Lawyers who are on temporary leave and qualify for exemption (c) are provided with the full limit coverage of \$1 million per claim/\$2 million in the aggregate provided under the base program.

Claim expenses include costs of Repairs and costs of Loss Prevention

Coverage for dishonest (as defined), fraudulent, criminal or malicious acts or omissions.

Mandatory Real Estate Practice Coverage (for real estate practitioners)

Eligibility:

Required of all lawyers practising real estate law in Ontario in 2026.

Lawyers not eligible for the Real Estate Practice Coverage Option are:

- those who are in bankruptcy;
- those who have been convicted or disciplined in connection with real estate fraud; and/or
- those under investigation, where the Law Society obtains: an interlocutory suspension order or a restriction on the lawyer's practice prohibiting the lawyer from practising real estate; or an undertaking not to practise real estate.

Coverage sublimit:

\$250,000 per claim/\$1 million in the aggregate, applicable to claim expenses and/or indemnity payments (some exceptions apply).³

Premium:

\$100 per lawyer (plus PST).

Did you know?

 All applicants who have the Restricted Area of Practice (criminal law and/or immigration law) discount are automatically exempt from all transaction levy filings and will not have to file an annual exemption form.

Remember to file transaction levy forms on time

- No transactions or matters? Quarterly reports still required: If you are practising in real estate or civil litigation, you need to file a transaction summary form even when there are no transactions or matters that quarter.
- Wondering if a transaction levy applies? Check out our information at lawpro.ca/faqs

Optional insurance coverages

Innocent Party Sublimit Buy-Up⁵

Eligibility:

Optional for all lawyers and eligible paralegal licensees practising in association or partnership (including MDPs, LLPs, and lawyer/paralegal partnerships), law corporations (with more than one lawyer and/or paralegal shareholder) and sole practitioners practising with employed lawyers.

Sublimit buy-ups & premiums:

Innocent Party Sublimit can be increased as follows:

- to \$500,000 per claim/aggregate for an additional \$75 per insured; or
- to \$1 million per claim/aggregate for an additional \$125 per insured.

Intellectual Property Business Coverage

Eligibility:

Available to lawyers practising intellectual property law and required by the College of Patent and Trademark Agents (CPATA) to hold expanded insurance coverage including coverage for service provided outside Canada or subject to foreign law.

Coverage limits:

\$1,000,000 per claim/\$2 million in the aggregate including coverage for services with respect to another country and subject to laws that are not the law of Canada, its Provinces, or Territories

Premium:

\$2,000 per lawyer (plus PST).

Excess insurance coverage

Eligibility:

Available to law firms (including multi-discipline partnerships and combined licensee firms) and to lawyers with topped-up Run-Off coverage.

Coverage limits:

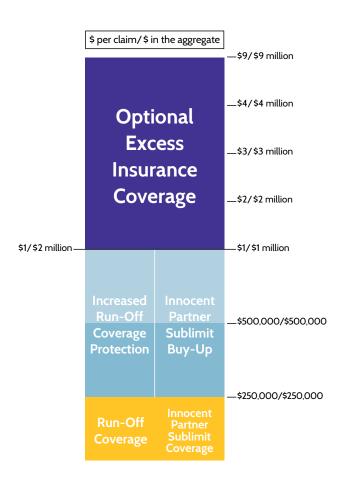
Up to \$9 million per claim/\$9 million in the aggregate.

See page 16 for details of the Excess program. ■

LAWPRO strongly recommends that lawyers increase their optional coverage protection to the maximum sublimit offered, to provide comprehensive coverage and reduce the likelihood of gaps in coverage.

Exempt lawyers

- · in-house corporate counsel
- government lawyers, educators and others not in active private practice
- retired lawyers, estate trustees, emeritus lawyers, judges and others no longer practising law
- legal aid clinic lawyers (not directly employed by Legal Aid Ontario)
- lawyers who engage in only occasional practice in Ontario and are resident in a Canadian jurisdiction other than Ontario



The standard Run-Off coverage

Eligibility:

Provided at no charge to all lawyer members of the Law Society who are not in active private practice who qualify for exemption¹ from payment of insurance premiums and levies.

Coverage limits:

\$250,000 per claim/in the aggregate, not re-instated annually, subject to the following:

- applies to claims arising out of services provided while the lawyer was in private practice or otherwise maintained the full ongoing practice coverage;
- does not provide coverage for claims arising out of any services
 a lawyer provides while exempt from paying the insurance
 premium. The only exceptions to this are with respect to pro
 bono legal services provided through an approved pro bono
 legal services program associated with Pro Bono Ontario, with
 respect to qualifying mentoring activities, or where the lawyer
 has applied for and purchased additional coverage specifically
 for certain services yet to be performed as estate trustee, trustee
 for inter vivos trust, or attorney for property;
- applies to claim expenses and/or indemnity payments (some exceptions apply).²

- includes a sublimit coverage of up to \$250,000 per claim/in the aggregate for Innocent Partner claims;
- includes a sublimit coverage of up to \$250,000 per claim/in the aggregate for cybercrime claims.

Premium:

None for standard Run-Off coverage.

Deductible:

Deductible for Run-Off coverage is \$5,000 per claim applicable to claim expenses and/or indemnity payments (some exceptions apply). ²

Member Assistance Program (MAP)

 LAWPRO provides almost half of the annual funding for the Ontario lawyers' Member Assistance Program. Through the MAP, legal professionals are able to access confidential mental health and wellness resources such as counselling on topics such as stress, anxiety, depression, and addiction. The MAP also offers confidential online wellness literature, child care resources, and elder care resources. For more information visit myassistplan.com.

Lawyers who are on temporary leave and qualify for exemption (c) are provided with the full limit coverage of \$1 million per claim/\$2 million in the aggregate provided under the base program. Lawyers eligible for the "mobility" exemption have insurance coverage as described on lawpro.ca

² Claim expenses include costs of Repairs and costs of Loss Prevention.

Optional insurance coverages

Increased Run-Off coverage protection

Eligibility:

- optional for lawyers with only the basic Run-Off coverage who are concerned that claims now and in the future may exceed \$250,000 per claim/aggregate; or
- optional for lawyers named or acting as estate trustee, trustee
 for inter vivos trust, or attorney for property as residual work
 from their former law practice who wish to purchase expanded
 coverage for these services yet to be performed.

Coverage limits:

Exempt lawyers can apply to increase Run-Off coverage limits to:

- \$500,000 per claim/aggregate; or
- \$1 million per claim/\$2 million in the aggregate.

Terms ranging from two to five years are available.

Lawyers acting as estate trustee, trustee for inter vivos trust, or attorney for property:

Exempt lawyers can apply to increase Run-Off coverage protection to include protection for services yet to be performed as estate trustee, trustee for inter vivos trust, or attorney for property, as follows:

- apply for and purchase expanded protection for these services within the standard \$250,000 Run-Off coverage limit; and/or
- apply within the Increased Run-Off coverage limits, as described above.

Through a deeming provision, ongoing activities of this type may be included under the Run-Off coverage protection provided to you.

Premiums:

Underwritten on an individual basis, depending on the years practised, areas of law practised, the amount of time since the applicant was in private practice, and other risk-based factors.

Innocent Partner Sublimit Buy-Up³

Eligibility:

Optional for exempt lawyers who have applied for Increased Run-Off coverage and who may be concerned about their innocent partner exposure.

Excess insurance

for law firms and lawyers with topped-up Run-Off coverage

Eligibility:

Available to law firms (including MDPs and CLFs), and to lawyers with topped-up Run-Off coverage.

Coverage limits:

The following Excess limits are above the \$1 million per claim/\$2 million in the aggregate limits of the primary program. Coverage is provided on a firm basis (i.e., for all firm lawyers for services on behalf of the firm):

- \$1 million per claim/\$1 million in the aggregate;
- \$2 million per claim/\$2 million in the aggregate;
- \$3 million per claim/\$3 million in the aggregate;
- \$4 million per claim/\$4 million in the aggregate; and
- \$9 million per claim/\$9 million in the aggregate.

Premiums:

Underwritten on a firm-wide basis, based on a risk assessment using, for example, information provided in the Excess insurance application, marketing materials of the firm and supporting documentation.

Questions?

Go to lawpro.ca/FAQS for answers to common questions

Coverage sublimits & premiums:

Innocent Partner Sublimit coverage can be increased as follows:

- to \$500,000 per claim/aggregate; or
- to \$1 million per claim/aggregate.

Underwritten on an individual basis, based on a risk assessment of information provided in the Innocent Party Sublimit Buy-Up application. ■

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