

Westport Insurance Corporation

NEW LAWYER APPLICATION

*This form must be completed when any lawyer joins the Firm.
Forward to the Program Administrator in your state.*

Name of New Lawyer: _____

Name of Insured Firm: _____

Policy Number: _____

The following questions must be completed by the New Lawyer:

1. Position in Firm: (check one): Officer /Director /Shareholder
 Partner
 Employed Lawyer
 Of Counsel*
 Independent Contractor*

2. Date Admitted to Bar (mm/yy): ____ / ____ Bar Number (primary state): _____

3. States Admitted: _____

4. Date of Hire (mm/dd/yy): ____ / ____ / ____

5. Have you been continuously insured under a Lawyers Professional Liability policy for the last five (5) years or if you have been admitted to practice law in any state for less than five years since your date of admission? Yes No

If no, provide the date continuous insurance coverage began: ____ / ____ / ____

Check here if you have no current coverage.

6. *If you are an Of Counsel or Independent Contractor, answer the following questions:

A. What is the average number of weekly hours you will spend working on behalf of the Insured Firm? _____

B. Do you carry separate E&O coverage? Yes No

7. Are you an employee of any organization other than the Named Insured firm? Yes No

If yes, please provide details. _____

8. Have you been denied the right to practice, suspended from practice, disbarred, reprimanded or had other disciplinary action taken against you by any court or administrative agency? Yes No

If yes, please provide details including dates and current disposition. _____

9. Have any claims or suits been made against you for services you performed during the past five (5) years? Yes No

If yes, complete a Claim Information Supplement.

10. Are you aware of any circumstance, act, error, omission or personal injury **which might be expected** to be the basis of a claim or suit against you? Yes No

If yes, complete a Claim Information Supplement.

11. Do you act as a director, officer, partner or trustee for or exercise any form of managerial or fiduciary control over, or hold any equity interest in any business enterprise other than the Named Insured firm? Yes No

If yes, complete the Outside Interest Supplement.

The following questions must be completed by an owner, officer or partner of the Named Insured firm:

12. Based upon the billable hours projected for this new lawyer, will the firm's areas of practice change? Yes No

If yes, explain: _____

13. Does the law firm want to provide coverage under this policy for this attorney's services on behalf of the Named Insured firm?

Yes. The Named Insured firm desires to extend coverage for services rendered while this lawyer was associated with any prior law firm(s). A premium assessment may be made for any extension of coverage.

Yes. The Named Insured firm desires to limit coverage to services rendered only on behalf of the firm and, therefore, the date of hire will be the limiting prior acts date for this new lawyer.

Yes. The Named Insured firm desires to extend coverage for services rendered after an individual retroactive date of ____/____/____.

No. The firm does not wish to provide coverage for this attorney's services under the current policy.

I hereby authorize the release of claim information from any prior insurer to Westport Insurance Corporation.

The undersigned understands and accepts that any policy issued will provide coverage on a claims-made and reported basis for only those claims that are made against the insured and reported while the policy is in force and that coverage ceases with the termination of the policy. All claims will be excluded that result from any acts, circumstances or situations known prior to the inception of coverage being applied for, that could reasonably be expected to result in a claim.

The undersigned represents and warrants that the statements set forth herein are true, complete and accurate and that there has been no attempt at suppression or misstatement of any material facts known, or which should be known, and agrees that this application shall become the basis of any coverage and a part of any policy that may be issued by the Company.

Applicant understands and agrees that the completion of the application does not bind Westport Insurance Corporation to issuance of an insurance policy.

I hereby authorize the release of claim information from any prior insurer to Westport Insurance Corporation. For your protection, the following Fraud Warning is required to appear on this application:

The following Fraud Warning applies in All Other States: Any person who knowingly files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act which is a crime and also punishable by criminal and/or civil penalties in certain jurisdictions.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE ATTORNEY AND A PARTNER, OFFICER and/or OWNER

Print name of new attorney: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
New Attorney

Print name of partner, officer and/or owner signing form: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Partner, Officer and/or Owner Title

The Applicant understands and agrees that she or he is obligated to report any changes in the information provided in this application that occur after the date of the application and before policy inception.