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# PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE IN LITIGIOUS TIMES

CONTROLLING LEGAL COSTS EXCLUSIONS & EMERGING ISSUES IN THE COMMONWEALTH

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## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

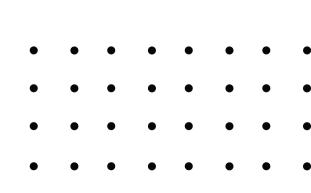
Proactive risk management practices.

- client screening,
- clear and comprehensive engagement letters
- Effective communication with clients,
- Ongoing legal education and training.

## **CONTROLLING COSTS OF** PII

To control legal costs of professional indemnity insurance lawyers can employ the following strategies:

- Risk Management
- Selection of Insurers
- Negotiation of Policy terms
- Alternative Dispute Resolution



## **SELECTION OF INSURERS**

- The right insurer can also help to control legal costs. Lawyers should look for insurers that offer competitive premiums and deductibles, as well as comprehensive
- coverage that is tailored to their specific needs.
- Choose an insurer with a strong reputation for responsive claims handling and a proven track record of defending claims.

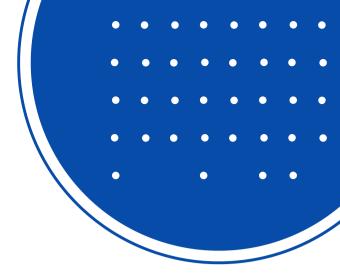
## **NEGOTIATION OF POLICY TERMS**

Negotiate for favorabe policy terms.

E.g Lower premiums or higher deductibles,

Negotiating for a broader coverage or specific exclusions.





### **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

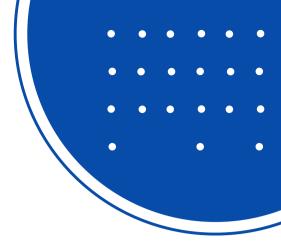
Mediation or arbitration, as a way to control legal costs associated with professional indemnity insurance.

Can be less expensive and time-consuming than traditional litigation, and may also help to preserve relationships with clients.



## **EMERGING AREAS PII**

- 1. Cybersecurity risks
- 2. Globalization and cross-border practice
- 3. Claims against Non Lawyer Profesionals
- 4. Regulatory Changes
- 5. Reputational Risks

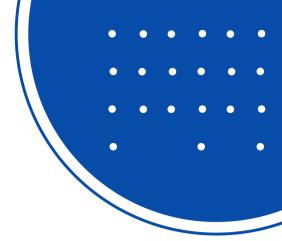


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## **Exclusions in PII**

1. Intentional or criminal acts

- 2. Fines and penalties
- 3. Prior knowledge
- 4. Contractual Obligations
- 5. Insolvency or Bankruptcy
- 6. Claims by Other Lawyers



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