

# HIGHLIGHTS 4NSIGHTS: 2025

s we approach the end of the year, we are pleased to provide you with an update on the MPL Association and our continued focus on delivering value and supporting your company's success. In 2025, our community grew stronger and more engaged, as we strived to bring a fresh perspective and energy to enrich every initiative we undertook. Collectively, we not only navigate a continually evolving landscape, we are working together to shape it. This report acknowledges you, our members, and the unique partnership that is the bedrock of the MPL Association. This year-end summary illustrates our ongoing commitment to supporting your business operations, improving the legislative and judicial environments, and remaining vigilant in our efforts to help to support the needs of doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, hospitals, and facilities—indeed all of those who deliver healthcare.

## **EDUCATION AND MEETINGS**

2025 MPL Association
Conference Panelists: Dr. Lisa
Calder, MPL Association Board
Director, and CEO, CMPA;
Dr. Susan Sgambati, Medical
Director, Copic; Dr. Matthew
Lee, International Section Chair,
and Chief Executive, MDU;
Dr. Diane Thompson, Medical
Director, Common Spirit



The MPL Association reinforced its commitment to providing exclusive educational programs on the most relevant and critical industry topics to members in 2025. More than 1,500 MPL professionals attended 13 in-person events covering claims, underwriting, risk management, patient safety, and much more. Virtual learning included six webinars that attracted more than 1,000 viewers, as well as video modules for MPL newcomers, and online roundtable discussions, focused and timed for international members, but open to all. These online events included meetings for professionals who specialize in or have an interest in human resources, technology, legal defense, and government relations.

In 2025, the in-person MPL Claims Defense Forum and online MPL Claims Defense Roundtable, designed to enhance collaboration and address the changing and challenging litigation environment, continued to have strong attendance and bring together MPL Association claims and legal professionals with our defense law partners.

The Association's largest events of the year were the two highly successful and well-attended conferences, first our annual MPL Association Conference in Austin, Texas, and the tri-annual International Conference in Melbourne, Australia.



At the 2025 International Conference: Eric Anderson, President & CEO, MPL Association; Natasha Anning; Chair of Organizational Working Group, and CEO, MIPS; Dr. Michael Conerly, Chair, MPL Association Board, and President & CEO, LAMMICO



**2025 HR Forum:** Aike Zavala, Chair of HR Section, VP, Human Resources, OMSNIC; Jill Knerr, CAO, MPL Association; and Morgan Pisegna, Director, Human Resources, Coverys

#### **RESEARCH AND DATA**

The MPL Association's Research and Analytics Department continued to lead the development of resources and insights that provide industry-relevant intelligence and actionable information and also contributes to positive change within the medical professional liability insurance landscape. Our core areas of expertise include historical and current MPL insurance statistics and modeling, healthcare risks, and economic factors that impact MPL companies—and we engaged in bespoke presentations and studies to MPL executives and boards over the last 12 months. In addition, we produced the MPL Industry Overview & Analysis report series, featuring comprehensive market reports. And, through the Data Sharing Project, we contributed to studies on MPL trends, risk factors, and outcomes, supported education development, and informed policy development and operational decisions.



#### **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

The MPL Association continues to expand its outreach to meet growing advocacy challenges. In addition to monitoring legislative, regulatory, and judicial activity, we directly engage with public officials and numerous stakeholders to shape public policy. This includes providing written testimony for state legislative hearings; providing data to enhance state stakeholder advocacy efforts; supporting state and federal amicus briefs and other judicial activity with funds, data, and legal analysis; submitting formal comments on state regulatory issues; developing legislative language for amending state MPL bills; submitting recommendations to Congress for new federal data privacy requirements; and advocating for federal legislative protections for medical volunteers.

Three engagements in 2025 stand out. The MPL Association provided data and testimony to Florida Governor Ron DeSantis demonstrating why expanding wrongful death lawsuits would be harmful to the state's physicians—and Governor DeSantis subsequently vetoed the legislation. We submitted recommendations to the Arizona Supreme Court regarding disclosure of third-party litigation funding and one of those recommendations was adopted in the final civil procedure rule. In New Mexico, the MPL Association provided data to state executive and legislative officials and met with those officials to discuss the deterioration in the state's liability environment and potential solutions.





#### **OPERATIONS**

The MPL Association identified three core organizational objectives for 2025: deliver value to members, generate new non-dues revenue streams, and ensure financially stable, efficient operations. Through the development and execution of departmental goals mapped to the established priorities, the Association made marked progress in achieving its objectives. Importantly, we developed three Affinity Programs to deliver value to members through enhancement of your business operations and to increase our non-dues revenue. The affinity program model, while not unique to associations, is new to the MPL Association. We are excited about this new approach to working with trusted industry partners to deliver innovative, discounted services to MPL Association members. Communication with members is critical, and we continue to keep you up to date on relevant industry news through our weekly Newsbriefs newsletter, bi-weekly website content updates, and monthly government relations newsletter.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

We welcomed two new members in 2025 and continued to build our robust partnership program, adding a new category for brokers, agents, and managing general agents, resulting in a total of 43 partner companies. Our ranks also now include 60 defense law firm partners. Moving forward, we will reinforce our commitment to equipping you with the tools and knowledge necessary to maximize operations, enhance efficiency, and drive profitability, ultimately helping you achieve your business goals. We will also continue to work to expand the MPL Association community in 2026. We are stronger together, with all participants within the MPL space working toward key collective goals such as combatting plaintiff attorney tactics, curbing social inflation, defending state tort reforms, and improving the judicial system and environment.

#### WE EXIST FOR YOU

To reinforce the MPL Association's pledge to create and deliver increasing value, and to provide you with opportunities to share thoughts on what is most impactful to your organization, we have recently contacted every member company chief executive officer. Your opinion, your work, and your staff all matter to us. And we are here for you. We will continue to reach out to you for input on how we can best meet your needs. A customer satisfaction pulse survey was issued in mid-November, and we will be contacting you again early in 2026 as we prepare for the development of a new four-year strategic plan. From our strong foundation, we pledge to keep an eye toward the future and evolve to meet the needs of our members, embracing new opportunities and adjusting to an ever-changing environment.

In closing, we want to remind you of our mission:

The MPL Association promotes, protects, educates, and connects medical professional liability insurers that support the quality delivery of healthcare and practice of medicine.

We will not stray from this charge and remain dedicated to representing your interests. For almost 50 years, we have specialized in understanding the unique challenges and complexities of the MPL industry, with the objective of providing our members with unparalleled value and support. We look forward to continuing to carry out this mission and to working with each of you in support of the MPL industry's continued success.

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