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## 2019 MPL Association Conference to Convene in Portland, Oregon, May 15-17

Rockville, MD (February 13, 2019) – The MPL Association, the leading association representing the medical professional liability (MPL) community, today issued a reminder that its annual Conference—the preeminent education and networking event for all of the stakeholders in the medical professional liability sector—will take place in May in Portland, Oregon. The Association also noted that advance registration for the 2019 MPL Association Conference will expire on April 12. Attendees who register before April 12 can save \$100.00.

“This event convenes hundreds of professionals who work in insurance and alternative risk transfer, all looking to gain new insights on the global and day-to-day issues facing medical liability companies, risk retention groups, captives, trusts, and other entities,” said Brian K. Atchinson, president and CEO of the MPL Association. “We are pleased to invite all MPL professionals—as well as anyone with an interest in MPL—to the 2019 MPL Association Conference.”

The Conference, which is open to both MPL Association members and non-members, will be held May 15-17 at the Marriott Portland Waterfront.

“We have secured high-profile speakers and panels with decades of experience in medical professional liability. No matter what your role in the industry, we believe that you will learn some surprising perspectives by attending this conference,” stated Atchinson. Atchinson further noted that those who work in MPL confront many challenges and must plan strategically for the future. “This unique event will help attendees find pragmatic solutions for optimizing performance in these changing and challenging times,” he said.

The keynote speaker for the Conference is Kevin M. Kennedy, Principal, ECG Management Consultants, who will explore disruptive forces in healthcare. Mr. Kennedy will share his perspective on what these changes might mean, lessons from other industries, and how physicians and hospitals should respond. His discussion lays the foundation needed to answer a critical question for MPL professionals: “How do these changes impact MPL insurers?” This question, and more, will be explored in a follow-up panel discussion featuring Mr. Kennedy and several MPL executives. These two thought-provoking sessions will produce critical insights about healthcare and the ever-evolving environment for MPL insurers.

Chad C. Karls, FCAS, MAAA, Principal and Consulting Actuary, Milliman, Inc., will brief attendees on the industry’s historical and current financial results and offer insight into the major drivers of those results. In addition, he will provide perspective on the profitability of the business and the financial strength of writers of MPL coverage. “This session will offer attendees a fuller understanding of the underlying drivers of the industry’s financial condition,” noted Atchinson. “If you are interested in the performance of the MPL industry, these are the particular metrics that are important to watch closely.”

Wendy Chung, MD, Kennedy Family Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at Columbia University, will discuss the MPL implications of precision medicine. With genetic and personalized therapies becoming more widely available, the average physician may be overwhelmed and challenged by the expectations of an ever-expanding knowledge base. Dr. Chung will help MPL insurers understand and prepare for the necessary clinician and patient education, best practices, policies, and protocols to deal with the potential exposures related to precision medicine.

In addition, there will be a panel discussion on the lessons learned from high-profile, catastrophic MPL cases. The expert panel will explore the impact of high-profile cases and the ramifications of such cases for MPL carriers and will offer some examples that vividly illustrate the consequences of these cases. In addition, panelists will deconstruct the key elements in these lawsuits, from their individual perspective, and offer suggestions for minimizing exposure from such cases in the future.

Other topics to be explored during the two-day event include the changing face of MPL claims, including new tactics that serve to inflate the potential value of a claim through higher life-care expense payouts; enterprise risk management and the tools that drive performance and mitigate risk; an interactive session on healthcare quality ratings and how they impact the MPL industry; and much more.

“The MPL Association is well known for its uniquely comprehensive collection of MPL insurance, patient safety and risk management, and other healthcare-related information and its ability to provide valuable services to a broad diversity of entities,” stated Atchinson. “This Conference is a prime example of the Association’s ongoing efforts to meet the needs of the varied professionals it serves.”

“By attending this one Conference, individuals who work in the MPL field gain an unparalleled intelligence on the essential developments for 2019 and a clear vision of the road ahead—and, as at every MPL Association Conference, unique opportunities for one-on-one networking with their peers,” said Atchinson.

For more information about the 2019 MPL Association Conference, or to register online, visit the MPL Association website at [www.MPLassociation.org](http://www.MPLassociation.org).

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