

# LEGAL PROFESSION HIGH LIMIT DISABILITY

*A Disability Financial Planning Tool*

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## LEGAL PROFESSION DISABILITY INSURANCE PLAN



Many legal professionals have incomes that exceed the limits of the traditional insurance markets. Therefore many people in the legal profession are usually under insured. Petersen International Underwriters' Legal Profession Disability Insurance Plan was developed to help secure sufficient coverage in case a disability prevents them from working.

This industry has many specialties. The Legal Profession Disability Plan is customized to recognize the needs for trial attorneys, business or civil attorneys as well as judges. This provides an own occupation definition which is very beneficial for a person practicing a specialized portion of the law.

For clients working as a legal professional who are not satisfied with their current amount of disability income insurance, the Legal Profession Disability Plan can solve the problem. Petersen International Underwriters is able to assist advisors by providing the information needed to make the sale.

## DISABILITY INSURANCE PROBLEM SOLVING

Traditional disability insurance carriers do a great job with most situations, but they have areas which they choose not to participate. Petersen International Underwriters helps producers solve many individual, group and multi-life disability problems for personal and business needs when the traditional carriers can't, or won't.

### SOLUTION #1 - IMPAIRED HEALTH RELATED ISSUES

Petersen International Underwriters has a number of medical professionals on staff who review and evaluate a wide range of health issues. Our goal is to find a solution for coverage. Because of the flexibility in underwriting, Petersen International Underwriters can often design a custom solution for those turned away by other companies because of health related issues. A "NO" from the traditional sources does not mean it cannot be accomplished. Some common issues encountered include:

- Mental/Psychiatric Disorders
- Heart/Cardiovascular Issues
- Height & Weight Issues
- Kidney Issues
- Diabetes
- Hepatitis
- Liver Issues
- Drug/Alcohol Issues

## Solution #2 – Unusual Income & High Net Worth Issues

Occasionally, disability applications are declined due to a High Net Worth, or “too much” Unearned Income, or Income which is reported through Capital Gains. These problems are not uncommon to Petersen International Underwriters who fields these types of calls every day and can usually provide a solution.



## Solution #3 – Excess Coverage

How much is enough disability insurance? Our industry teaches us that for personal income replacement the answer is 65% - 75% of income. This percentage is seconded by third party resources such as the U.S. Labor Department and the *US News and World Report*, which both indicated that REGARDLESS OF INCOME, most people cannot make ends meet on less than 65% of their income.

Long Term Disability plans set out with this goal in mind, but these types of plans have a benefit cap which means that higher paid employees or owners will often receive less than 65%. The higher the income, the lower the percentage of income covered! This is referred to as reverse discrimination. Individual disability plans available from the traditional carriers start off insuring around 65% of income, but as income goes up, the percentage of income covered goes down.



Higher income earners have the problem of obtaining proper levels of disability insurance through traditional group and individual carriers. Petersen International Underwriters provides a practical solution with participation limits of 65% - 75% of income, regardless of the amount of income earned. Sometimes this is primary coverage and sometimes this is done as supplemental disability coverage to layer over existing insurance.

*An adequate amount of disability income insurance is like having hundreds of thousands of dollars locked up in a wall safe, ready to use in the event of a disability.*

## Solution #4 – Special Situations

Many special situations arise where traditional carriers are unable to offer coverage. These special situations are insurable through Petersen International Underwriters and they may include:

- Working Overseas
- Family Businesses
- War Zone Coverage
- Hours Worked Per Week
- Working Out Of A Home
- Severance/Temporarily Unemployed

## Solution #5 – Special Avocations

Special situations are not difficult, they are just, “special” Sometimes a perfect candidate for disability insurance has an avocation which the traditional carriers feel increases the risk exposure so much, a declination is necessary. Petersen International Underwriters can address many avocations with either primary coverage or with a carve-out to provide coverage ONLY while participating in an avocation. Petersen International Underwriters insures many avocations including:

- Amateur Racing
- Demolition Derby
- Scuba Diving
- Rock Climbing
- Mountaineering
- Sky Diving
- Base Jumping
- Helicopter Skiing

## Solution #6 - Senior Ages

People are living longer, feeling better and are not enticed by great pension plans to retire young or withdraw from a successful firm. At age 60 many people have peaked and are at the top of their game. They are even more vulnerable from a “need for income” standpoint than their younger associates. Perhaps their retirement plans were badly crippled in the recent recession, or life changes have made it a necessity to continue to work for a living. Most traditional carriers only issue coverage up to age 63 and have even younger cut off ages for some disability plans such as BOE and Buy/Sell. Petersen International Underwriters stands ready to assist with disability insurance plans for the working citizen of most any age.

