



## 2019 Kentucky Captive Conference

# Market & Domicile Update





# Captive Insurance Industry at a Glance

- Globally, growth was flat with 5,580 active captives and another 3,223 active cells
  - With cell gains matching pure/group closures one-to-one
- \$66.7 billion global premium (down slightly)
- Why?
  - On-going soft commercial market,
  - Uncertain investment environment,
  - Increased global solvency standards and disclosures



# US Captive Insurance Industry

- 2017 (US) was a stunning change with 335 captive closures, and another 150+ cell closures
- 2018 (US) ended with 3,123 active captives
  - 203 new formations and 226 closures (net **-23**)
  - In addition, total 1,865 cells, with 261 formations (up), but also 263 closures (also up) (net **-2**)

Why was growth flat? Healthcare mergers & consolidation, and efforts by IRS to discourage smaller pure captives engaged in pooling (and more aggressive state premium tax efforts)



# RRGs In the News

- Risk Retention Group (RRG) numbers continued to decline
  - 219 RRGs as of year-end 2018
    - (down from 228 in 2017, and 237 in 2016---peaked at 261 in 2012)
  - There were 10 new formations and 19 closures in 2018
    - (second highest number of closures in 15 yrs)
  - Healthcare and Professional Services reported moderate income increases
  - Mixed losses reported in Construction and Leisure & Hospitality (including voluntary shutdowns of Home Construction (NV) and National Home (Co)).
  - Large losses in Transportation (\$35.8 million sector losses, surplus down avg. 6%\* not including capital contributions and assessments),
    - Transportation RRGs have operated at a loss since 2013, with 2017 being the worst year for losses
    - Wave of transportation RRG insolvencies, including most recent Federal Motor Carriers RRG (Del), Elite Transportation RRG (VT), Allied Premier Ins, RRG (CT), and Spirit Commercial RRG (NV)



# Slow Growth, but Premium Up

- Another slow year for captive growth in most domiciles
  - Larger domiciles (+5 to 25 new per domicile)
  - Medium domiciles (-1 to -26 net loss per domicile—Ky, Utah, Nevada, Tennessee, and Montana)
  - Small domiciles (+1 to 10 new per domicile---Georgia, Alabama, Texas)
- Soft-markets and numbers down—but US captive premium growth?
  - Continued growth in group captive and RRG membership (up approx. 10%) and premium (up 15%)
  - Continued growth in alternative coverages & integrated commercial options
  - Continued growth in reinsurance options where insured “has skin in the game”
    - Reinsurance market off-shore and on-shore rapidly changing (increased fronting & partnering)



# Top U.S. Domiciles

(by number of actively writing companies)

- Vermont 580
- Delaware 421
- Utah 388 (480?)
- North Carolina 241
- Hawaii 231
- Nevada 184
- Montana 140 (288?)
- South Carolina 144
- Tennessee 133
- Kentucky 64



# Kentucky year-end stats

- Kentucky had 7 new formations during 2018.
- We had 8 dissolutions, cessations, re-doms, or mergers
- Net captives currently include 64 licensed and actively writing.
- This includes: 53 pure, 8 group/association, and 3 RRGs.
- Aggregate premium is \$108 million (up from \$96).
- Total assets under management were up to \$138 million.



# Hot Topics

- Management Liability—(D&O and employment practices liability)
  - Market hardening due to increases in claim frequency and severity
  - This is against the general trend of pricing declines for many years
  - Litigation costs and M&A are key contributing factors
  - Privacy, employee data, and internal crime issues expanding claims
  - “Shrinking limits” provisions, that insurer’s payment of defense costs (which are often a substantial part of a claim) reduce the policy's limits
  - Exclusions for “cover-ups and destruction of evidence”
- Employee Mental Health Coverage
  - Workers Comp, employee health plans, and short-term disability
  - Uncovered treatment for mental health, trauma, and PTSD
  - Focus on pro-active services and treatment





# Cyber Liability Stats

- 2018 picked up where 2017 left off in terms of data breaches.
- Despite slight decrease in number of reported data breaches (1,232, down from 1,597), the number of overall records exposed increased 133%.
  - **Up 263%** -cyber-liability gross written premium (Aon)
  - **\$3.86 million** – average cost of a data breach (reported by BI)
  - Average time to identify a breach: **197 days (over six months!!!)**
  - **27%** – Average increase in cost of cyber crime in 2018 (reported FBI/DHS)
  - **\$4 billion** – current cost of the Equifax data breach
  - **7 out of 10** organizations say their risk increased significantly in 2018
  - **Newest threat**—IoT networks—specifically CCTV and webcams
- **Three largest data breaches of 2018:**
  - > Marriot International – \$500M+
  - > Exactis – \$340M
  - > Under Armour – \$150M



# Expanding Coverages

(not Medical Stop-loss & Cyber)

- Property-Difference in Condition (DIC) and Business Interruption
  - Commercial pricing up 2-5%
  - Highest increases since 2012, against overall downward trend
  - Hurricane, wildfire, flood, tornado, wind/hail and ice
  - Business Interruption-expanding scope
    - Including Blackouts and Utility outages (even pre-emptive outages)
    - Loss of Cloud access (if not addressed by provider Service Level Agreement)
  - Evacuation & Disaster response cost reimbursement
  - Exempted items/replacement cost for depreciated items
    - such as phone equip & switching, IT servers & hardware, and machinery
  - Ordinance Or Law Coverage (increases in demolition & clean-up and rebuilding to Code & site-preparation/move costs)



# Expanding Coverages

- Reputational Risk/Damage to Brand
  - -increased availability and more quantifiable
  - More loss data & claims experience and high-profile public occurrences
  - Brand, advertising & sponsorship, and intellectual property growing assets
  - Difficult due to overlap with other coverages AND remediation (ads/social media)
  - Elements include: traditional, product liability, supply chain, employee management, cyber/new technology
  - Integrating with liability for libel, defamation, and advertising violations
- Employee/Contractor Crime & Fidelity (embezzlement/defalcation)
  - Average amount stolen over \$350,000 (Hiscox)
  - Only 39% funds recovered thru restitution, settlements, and insurance
  - Other costs: lay-offs, lost customers, and increased spending on security & audit
  - 2/3rds involve more than one person, for over 3 years, and trusted/long-tenure



# Increases in Captive Use

- **Increases in third-party risks and strategic use of captives to provide insurance products in direct support of an owner's business**
  - Contractor insurance programs (not just construction---agricultural and equipment leasing & service)
  - Owner-operator programs (new economy—delivery and property management)
  - Franchisee programs (restaurants--purchasing & advertising groups/coops)
  - Healthcare—captive funding of program & training based risk management
  - Warranty and service contract business (single largest increase in Kentucky captive premium)---Caterpillar case study (HBS, Fortune, Forbes, Bloomberg)



# What Kentucky has to Offer

- --Captive Law that is up to date and well crafted
- --Regulator that is firm, but flexible
- --Service Providers who are knowledgeable and experienced
- --Owners who are engaged and satisfied
- --Association that is vocal and active
- --Legislature and Administration that is informed and supportive

Values/Goals Kentucky is promoting:

- --Long-term Stability
- --Reliability
- --Responsiveness
- --Convenience & Value



# Questions & Answers

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