

The Top Ten Reasons Why To Buy Employment Practices Liability (EPLI)

1. EPLI covers not only actual but also alleged acts of discrimination, harassment, retaliation, wrongful termination and other similar acts.
2. 3 out of 5 employers are sued by former employees every year.
3. Over 40% of EPLI claims are against firms with fewer than 100 employees.
4. Some Federal and State employment laws apply to all employers - any size company has exposure!
5. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) recorded nearly 76,000 charges in 2006 and obtained more than \$274 million in settlements for claimants.
6. The financial ramifications of not having EPLI insurance can be crippling, especially for small firms because they do not have the operating budgets to handle the defense costs, let alone settlements or judgments, of an uninsured claim.
7. The medium cost of an EEOC lawsuit in 2006 exceeded \$200,000.
8. There is no EPLI coverage under other insurance policies such as General Liability (GL). Any endorsement to another policy generally provides insufficient limits, does not provide the breadth of coverage of a separate EPLI policy and erodes the limit available for the GL exposure.
9. Since 1997, wage and hour litigation has tripled. More wage and hour collective/class actions have been filed in recent years than any other types of employment class actions combined.
10. Gender discrimination, age discrimination and retaliation claims are on the rise. There are more women and "baby boomers" in the workplace than ever before. Recent Supreme Court decisions have lowered the standard of what constitutes retaliatory treatment