



UNDERWRITERS AT LLOYD'S LONDON

Seedsmens' Errors & Omissions Insurance



Seedsmens' Errors & Omissions is a third party liability type of coverage initially developed in cooperation with the American Seed Trade Association and currently sponsored on a global basis by the International Seed Federation. The coverage has been continuously offered by Underwriters at Lloyd's London for over 50 years. Lloyd's Underwriters have unparalleled expertise in dealing with the types of exposure present in the seed industry.



Keith Parr at Locke Lord LLP is Underwriters' representative responsible for receiving notice of and initially responding to claims brought against Lloyd's insureds under the Seedsmens' policy. He has handled claims under the Seedsmens' program for over 30 years. Keith received his B.S. in Agricultural Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1978 and his J.D. from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1981. He was raised on a farm in Illinois and owns and operates his family farm as well as four other farms in Illinois and Wisconsin. Locke Lord LLP and one of its predecessor firms have represented Underwriters and directed (or cooperated with the insured's counsel in) the defense and handling of claims made by farmers, growers and other third parties against companies carrying Seedsmens' insurance since the coverage was first developed in the 1950's.



Keith and his predecessors have been at the forefront in working to obtain favorable legislation and supportive case law to defend and protect the interests of members of the seed industry. In addition to his own experience handling claims and defending insureds for Underwriters under the Seedsmens' program, Keith is uniquely able to draw upon the historical knowledge of his firm and his predecessors who were involved in handling claims for Lloyd's over the years.



The Lloyd's Seedsmens' E&O coverage has weathered some of the most difficult moments for the seed industry, such as the class action litigation involving Southern Corn Leaf blight in the early 1970's, and the genetically modified rice contamination litigation just a few years ago. The expertise that Lloyd's and Locke Lord bring to the table in handling claims is unmatched in the seed industry.



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