



DIRECTORS & OFFICERS LIABILITY (D&O) INSURANCE

Helping safeguard your leadership team & balance sheet

Boardroom risk is amplifying. Corporate leaders are under increasing pressure due to regulatory scrutiny, cyber incidents, complex M&A, stakeholder demands, and an aggressive plaintiffs' bar. These forces expose directors and officers to personal liability and threaten corporate balance sheets.

D&O insurance is a critical component of good corporate governance — protecting decision-making, preserving financial strength, and giving leaders the confidence to serve without fear of jeopardizing their personal assets.

But helping safeguard your leadership is about more than just a D&O policy. It's about having the right partner to guide you in these uncertain times and deliver the best possible program for your organization.

That's where Lockton comes in. Effective D&O coverage requires real-time market intelligence, precision in coverage design, and the foresight to stay ahead of evolving and emerging risks. Lockton harnesses these capabilities to deliver a D&O program that lets your executives lead, knowing we'll always have your back.

What is D&O insurance?

D&O insurance is designed to provide financial protection to a company's directors and officers, as well as the organization itself, by covering losses related to claims alleging wrongful acts committed in their official capacities. This coverage typically extends to judgments, settlements, and legal defense costs, all subject to the policy's retention, terms, and conditions.

The coverage provided by a D&O program can be broken down into three main components:

Side A: Individual personal liability

The insurer provides direct coverage to individual directors and officers when the organization is either unable or unwilling to indemnify them for a covered claim.

Side B: Corporate reimbursement

The insurer reimburses the organization for loss it pays to indemnify its directors and officers when they face claims for actions taken in their official capacity.

Side C: Entity coverage

The insurer financially protects the organization for loss resulting from claims made directly against the organization for its own alleged wrongful acts. For public companies, this is typically limited to securities claims, whereas entity coverage for private and nonprofit companies is much broader.



Who can be covered under a D&O program?

Coverage can extend to the following:

- Directors
- Officers
- Trustees
- Employees
- Independent contractors
- Staff members
- Committee members
- Volunteers
- The corporate entity
- Subsidiaries (with direct or indirect ownership greater than 50%)
- Spouses and domestic partners
- Estate and heirs

Lockton at a glance

As the world's largest privately held, independent insurance broker, we don't cater to shareholders or have external investors, unlike all our peers. This means we answer to the only voice that matters: yours.

This independence allows us to create a partnership with you where every interaction, decision, and solution is solely focused on your business risk needs.

65,000+
CLIENTS WORLDWIDE

94%
CLIENT RETENTION

13%
ORGANIC
GLOBAL GROWTH

\$71B+
PREMIUM VOLUME
WORLDWIDE

135+
OFFICES WORLDWIDE

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CONSECUTIVE YEARS AS
BEST PLACES TO WORK

Specialized D&O teams & capabilities

Lockton has built a nationwide network of dedicated D&O Associates, giving clients access to highly focused knowledge and capabilities tailored to their unique risk exposures and priorities. Our specialized team spans both corporate transactions and industry verticals (including but not limited to):

- Corporate transactions: public offerings, going private transactions, bankruptcies, mergers, acquisitions, corporate restructurings, divestitures, SPAC and de-SPAC transactions, and foreign locally admitted coverage requirements
- Industry verticals: blockchain/digital assets, cargo and logistics, construction, education, energy and power, financial institutions, fintech, food and beverage, healthcare, hospitality, law firms, life sciences, marine, pharmaceuticals, private equity, professional services, real estate, retail, technology, telecommunications, and transportation

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