

Legal

The Legal Division of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners acts as Legal Counsel to the NAIC and its affiliate the National Insurance Producer Registry as well as provides support services to NAIC members. The Legal Division, at the written request of NAIC members and with the approval of the NAIC Executive Committee, prepares amicus curiae (friend-of-the-court) briefs on a variety of insurance-related topics. The Legal Division is responsible for several publications produced by the NAIC including the *Model Laws, Regulations & Guidelines*; *Compendium of State Laws on Insurance Topics*; *Retaliation Guide*; and *Receiver's Handbook for Insurance Company Insolvencies*. The Legal Division maintains RegCast, a web site that tracks proposed changes to participating states' insurance regulations.

Some of the current activities of the NAIC legal staff in key areas include providing assistance to the NAIC membership in implementing the proposed Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact. This effort includes providing research and education support, as well as tracking and review of state legislation. NAIC attorneys also provide legal support for the NAIC's accreditation program, including assisting state insurance departments in reviewing their laws and regulations. Additional activities include providing legal support on issues regarding insurer solvency such as participating in the development of the Global Receivership Information Database (GRID). This new database contains pertinent information on receivership and will serve as an important tool for state insurance regulators. Last but not least, the Legal Division spends a significant amount of time and resources providing legal support for the ongoing business operations and technology initiatives of the NAIC.

The Legal Division is located in the NAIC Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri. Additional legal staff is located in the Securities Valuation Office in New York, New York and the Government Relations office in Washington, DC.