# How To – And How Not To – Make Your Captive's Regulator Happy

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### Introduction

The Roadmap for Today's Discussion

Please Ask Questions!!



## Top 10 Best Practices

- 10. Know Your State's Insurance Code.
- 9. Get Required Prior Approvals.
- 8. Get Business Plan Changes Approved.

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## **Talking Points**

Rules that are codified, versus those "off code" ways a regulator wants things done.

Know your regulator, is it really better to beg for forgiveness than ask for permission?



## Top 10 Best Practices

- 7. Liquidity and Solvency! (i.e., don't mess with the money)
- 6. Follow the Investment Plan.
- 5. Follow the Policies' Terms & Provisions.

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#### **Talking Points**

Just because the Code allows for a transaction, can the captive afford it?

Investments have to be looked at not only as good or bad investments for the captive, but also whether they adversely impact a captive's claims paying ability.

What does the Code allow? What does the Contract allow?



## Top 10 Best Practices

- 4. Meet All Deadlines from filing to payment to other deadlines ...
- 3. Build Your Written Record.
- 2. Communicate Proactively.

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### **Talking Points**

How the captive transacts with the regulator means something – are you always asking for extensions? Are you failing to timely communicate?

The written record – for state exam or federal audit ...



#### The Number One Rule!

1. It Takes a Village!

Knowledgeable captive owners +
Competent managers and outside advisors +
Effective regulators =
A strong captive insurer.

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### Thank You!

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