

SIMPLE ADVICE FOR COMPLEX TIMES: THE TOP 5 PIECES OF ADVICE INSURERS CAN GIVE TO THEIR LAW FIRM INSUREDS

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About this Webinar:

Tired of the noise and endless summaries of the news regarding COVID-19 trumped as advice? Our webinar will offer straightforward and timely advice on what law firms should be doing to survive and thrive in these challenging times. We will provide hands-on, practical advice that your insureds can implement immediately. We will also provide you with a concise summary of the key takeaways that you can share with them.

Presenters:

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