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## Markel Announces New EPL Hotline and Online Loss Control Resources

Richmond, VA, July 12, 2012 — Markel announced today a new comprehensive loss control program to connect employment practices liability (EPL) policyholders with proactive and practical information for managing risks. Through partnerships with Jackson Lewis, LLP and HR Care<sup>®</sup>, Markel broadens its loss control program with a new legal hotline and online access to legal compliance information.

Staffed by EPL attorneys, the hotline is managed by Jackson Lewis, LLP, one of the nation's largest and most respected employment law firms representing management in the defense of harassment, discrimination, wrongful discharge, and other workplace-related claims. In addition to the hotline, employers can utilize the Jackson Lewis web site as a resource for education, risk management publications, newsletters, and opt-in email notifications. Markel EPL insureds can attend Jackson Lewis seminars without charge. A list of breakfast seminar series, luncheons, and other programs presented at their 49 offices across the country is available at [jacksonlewis.com](http://jacksonlewis.com).

Markel EPL policyholders are also permitted access to secure areas of the HR Care web site at no charge. HR Care, an online resource service of Curtis Communications, Inc., offers high quality legal compliance information and training sessions to human resource professionals. As one of the most active employment litigation practices in the United States, Jackson Lewis contributes monthly comments and professional articles to the 20,000+ page library of information in the HR Care Publications Library.

"Markel is dedicated to building a robust platform for our customer base," stated Salvatore Pollaro, Managing Director of Markel's Management Liability Product Line Leadership. "These recently enhanced services are logical next steps in our commitment to providing a comprehensive loss control program to complement our extensive coverage."

Markel has been writing employment practices liability insurance since 1994 and was one of the first markets to introduce the product. With over 100,000 policies written since that time, Markel has now refreshed the offering by introducing the management liability product suite and expanding it to include D&O and fiduciary insurance.

The new hotline and online loss control resources are available immediately to Markel EPL policyholders.

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