CHECKLIST

LPL Limits

While there's no perfect formula for choosing malpractice limits, and keep in mind that purchasing a policy with minimal limits is far better than going bare if that's all the budget allows, asking yourself a few key questions can help you zero in on the level of protection that lets you actually sleep at night. The goal is simple: pick limits that make sense for the kind of work you do and the amount of financial harm a mistake could realistically cause should things ever go sideways. The following are questions worth considering:

- 1) How complex or high stakes are the matters you handle?
- 2) What is the largest realistic financial harm a single error could cause?
- 3) How often do deadlines, volume, or workflow pressure increase the chance of mistakes?
- 4) How likely are your clients to escalate concerns or pursue formal action if something goes wrong?
- 5) What dollar values are involved in your typical and highest value matters?
- 6) Does your jurisdiction have a history of high verdicts or aggressive plaintiff activity?
- 7) In recent years, have you experienced claims, complaints, or near misses that indicate areas of exposure?
- 8) How financially disruptive would an uncovered portion of a claim be?
- 9) Could more than one claim realistically arise within a single policy year?
- 10) If a worst case scenario occurred tomorrow, what policy limits would feel sufficient?

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