

M&A Risk Transfer through Insurance

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Drivers for use

Enhancing
bidder status

High/low warranty cap
Maximising deal price

Optimising
warranty cap

Maintaining
management
relations

New territory/
sector

Best practice
risk
management

Strength of
seller's covenant

Reluctance to
retain proceeds
in escrow

Seller seeking
clean exit

Private Equity
involvement

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Insurance to protect or mitigate from two types of risk typically arising from M&A transactions:

Unknown and Unforeseen Loss

Contingent Specific Risks

Warranty & Indemnity

Insurance

Tax insurance

Environmental

Litigation Buyout

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Warranty and Indemnity Insurance

- Unknown and Unforeseen Losses

Cover for Unknown and Unforeseen Loss Warranty & Indemnity Insurance

Scope of Cover

Protects against liabilities arising from:

- a **breach** of the representations and warranties, or calls under the tax covenant
- referring to a fact or circumstance existing **prior to signing**
- resulting from **unknown events** at signing

Terms & Conditions

- Can be placed for either the Seller or the Buyer
- Bespoke policies tailored to transaction, designed to follow and dove-tail with the SPA or provide additional recourse
- Pricing in the UK and W. Europe is typically between 1 – 2.5%. The premium is a one-off premium due at completion
- Policy Excess (retention/attachment point) is typically 1% of Enterprise Value
- Limit of Insurance available is between \$10m and up to \$600m in EU
- Limitation Period up to 7 years (10 years achievable)

Warranty and Indemnity Insurance

Seller-side Policy: Application

INSURED = SELLER / WARRANTORS

- Responds to agreed contractual liability in the acquisition agreement
- Trigger for policy responding is breach of insured warranties/call on the tax covenant

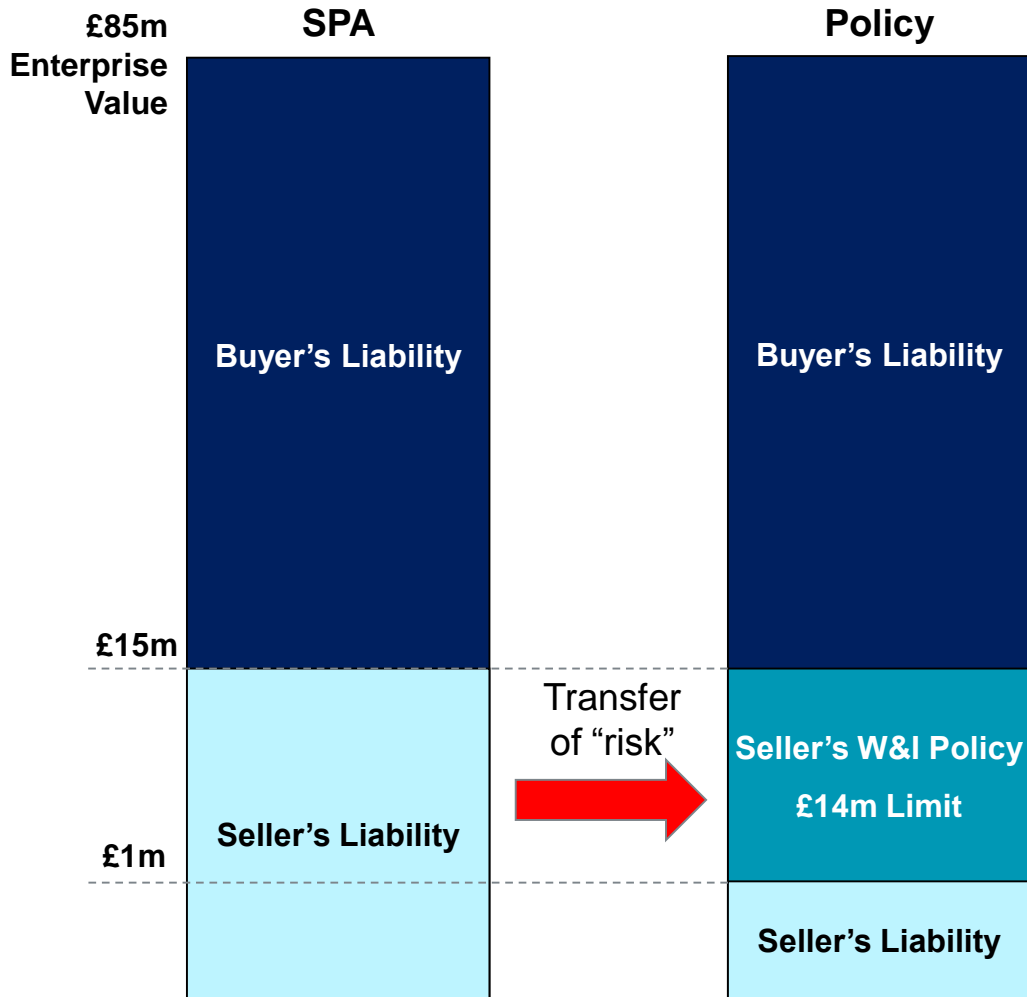
In the event of a **breach of warranty**:



- Buyer claims against Seller/Warrantors as defined in the acquisition agreement, Seller claims against policy
- Insurer and warrantors work together to defend the claim
- Key exclusion: Knowledge of warrantors

Warranty and Indemnity Insurance

Seller-side Policy: Case Study



Application & Motivations

- Reluctance to accept a high liability cap
- Reluctance to retain proceeds in escrow
- Private equity seller
- Optimise transaction value
- **CLEAN EXIT**

Warranty and Indemnity Insurance

Buyer-side Policy: Application

INSURED = BUYER

- Responds to the buyer's losses resulting from a breach of warranty under the acquisition agreement
- Trigger for policy responding is loss suffered by the buyer as a result of a breach of insured warranties or call under the tax covenant

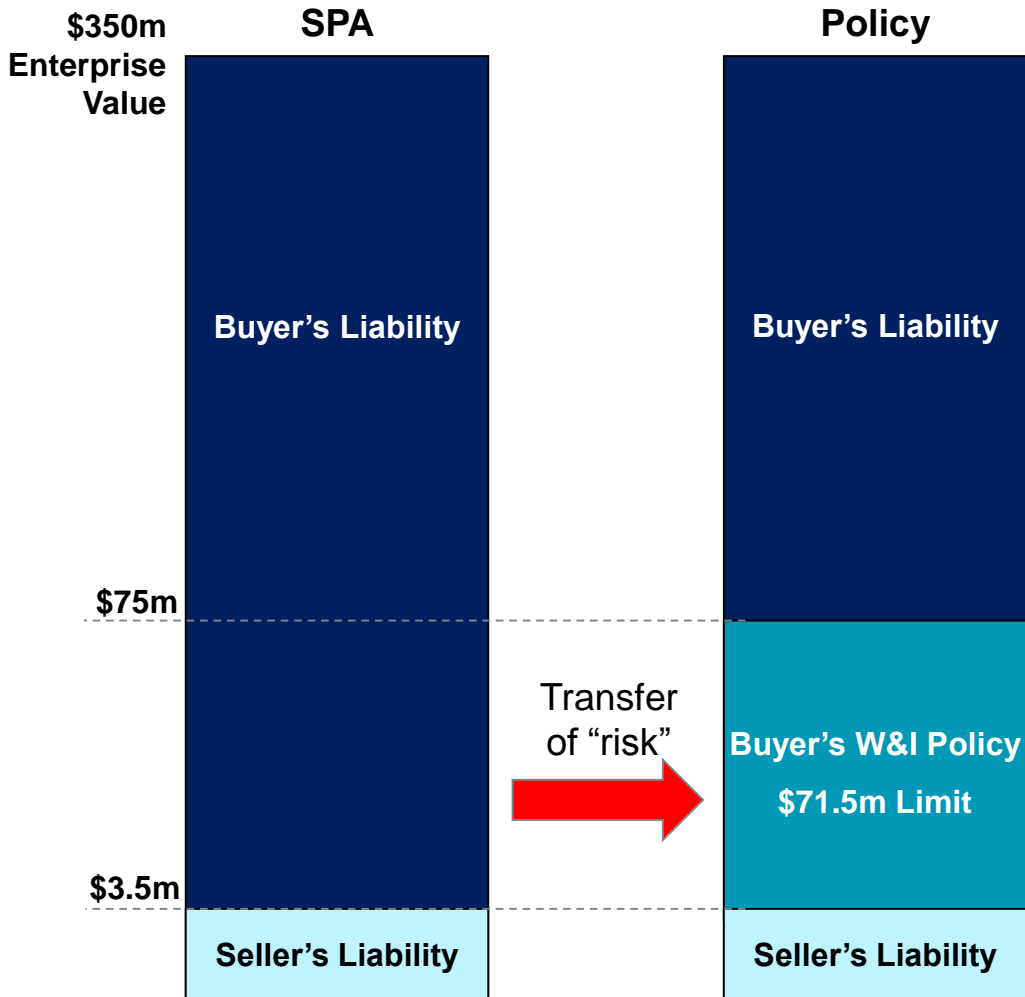
In the event of a **breach of warranty**:



- Buyer suffers a loss and can claim directly against the policy; loss is paid directly to buyer.
- The buyer has full discretion as to whether they claim against the seller
- Buyer has to prove same level of loss to Insurer as they would to the seller
- Coverage for fraud of seller
- Key exclusion: Knowledge of buyer

Warranty and Indemnity Insurance

Buyer-side Policy: Case Study (Top-up Cover)



Frequently policies placed in the name of the buyer are initiated by a seller seeking a clean exit

Application & Motivations

- Enhance bidder status
- Increase recourse available
- Extend time limitations
- Maintain Management relations

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Contingent Risk Insurance

- Identified Low Risk Items

Contingent Risk Insurance

Scope of Cover

Protects against known liabilities, can be placed for:

- The seller or buyer where the seller provides an indemnity to address the issue in the acquisition agreement
- The target (if no indemnity provided by the seller)

Pricing is typically from 2 - 20% of limit purchased and dependant on the facts and associated risk profile

Requirements

- Question of legal interpretation
- Robust opinion analysing the facts, case law and statute applicable
- Low chance of crystallisation
- Worse case scenario quantum

Cover for Unknown and Unforeseen Loss

Contingent Risk Insurance

How it works

- If the identified issue crystallises or the indemnity is triggered, the insurance responds directly to the insured
- Can be a stand-alone policy for one identified issue or part of a wider warranty and indemnity policy

Common Insurable Indemnities

1. Tax
2. Litigation Buy Out

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Data Requirements and Process

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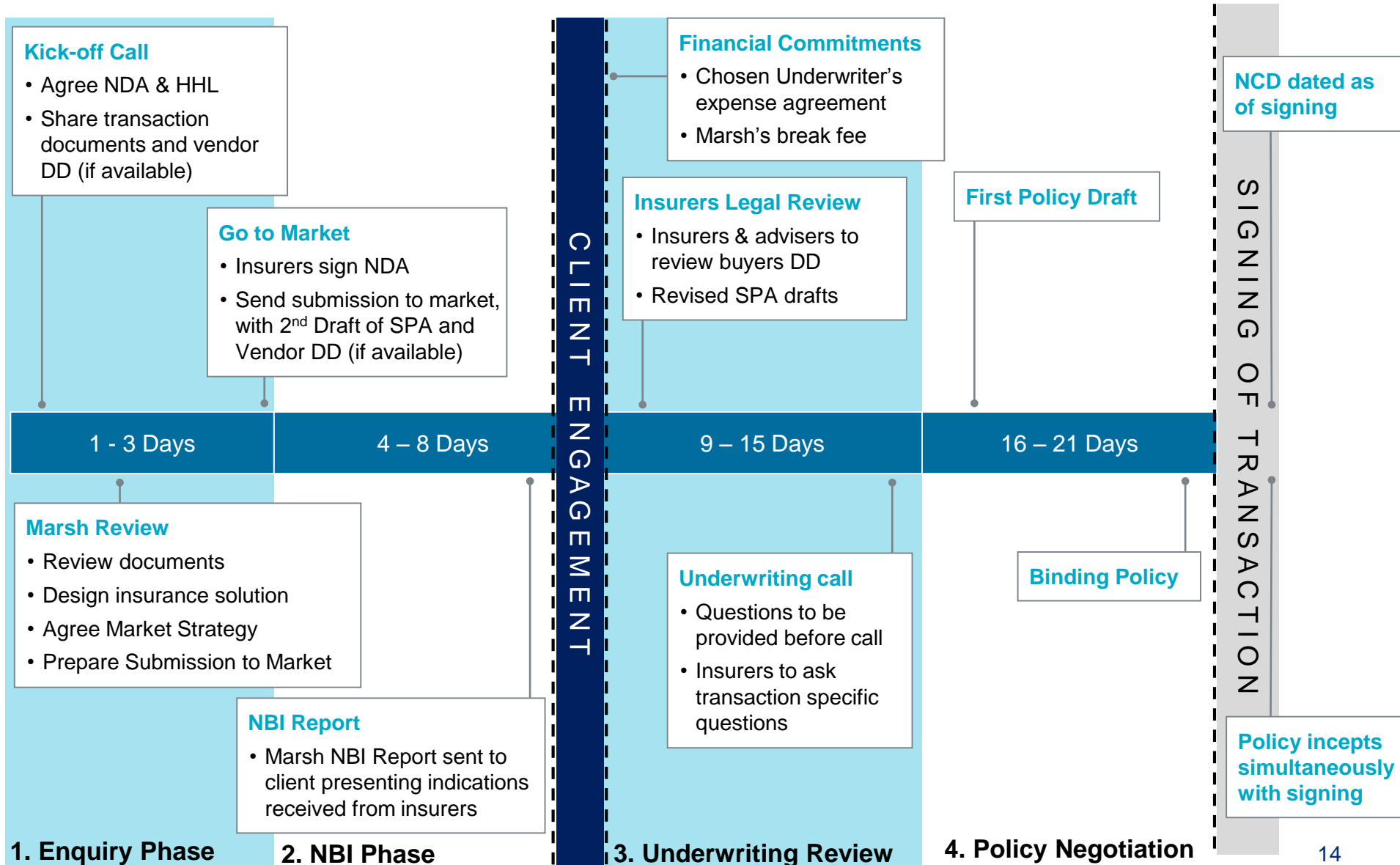
Process: Information Required

- Drafts of Acquisition Agreement (Typically start with 1st/2nd Buyers Draft)
- Drafts of Disclosure letter
- Drafts of Tax Covenant/Deed (if applicable)
- Accounts of the target
- Management accounts of the target (if warranted)
- Vendor due diligence (if commissioned)
- Information memorandum/management presentation (if available)
- Access to online dataroom
- Buyers due diligence reports prepared by professional third party advisers, essential to have:
 - **Legal, Tax, and Financial.**

Diligence must be performed on all parts of the business where warranties are given

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Process: Timeline



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Market Update

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Marsh Stats

	Policies Placed 2014	Policies Placed 2015	% Increase	Total Limit Placed 2014	Total Limit Placed 2015	% Increase
Global	341	450	40%	\$7.7bn	\$11.2bn	45%
EMEA	148	172	16%	\$3.9bn	\$4.9bn	26%

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Insurers



Transactional Risk Solutions Market Update

“increased competition means
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... cover what is required by clients”

- Broader coverage with the removal of generic exclusions
- Policies written in new jurisdictions and industries
- Merging of US and Non US style for cross border

... are regularly paying claims”

- Economic climate precipitated more claims notifications, more payments by insurers
- Increased competition means greater pressure on them to pay out

... are a cost effective option”

- W&I Premiums 1 – 2.5% in W. Europe
- Specific tax issue 2 – 20%

... now attach at low levels”

- 1% as standard
- Less than 1% possible

... fit with the transaction timeline”

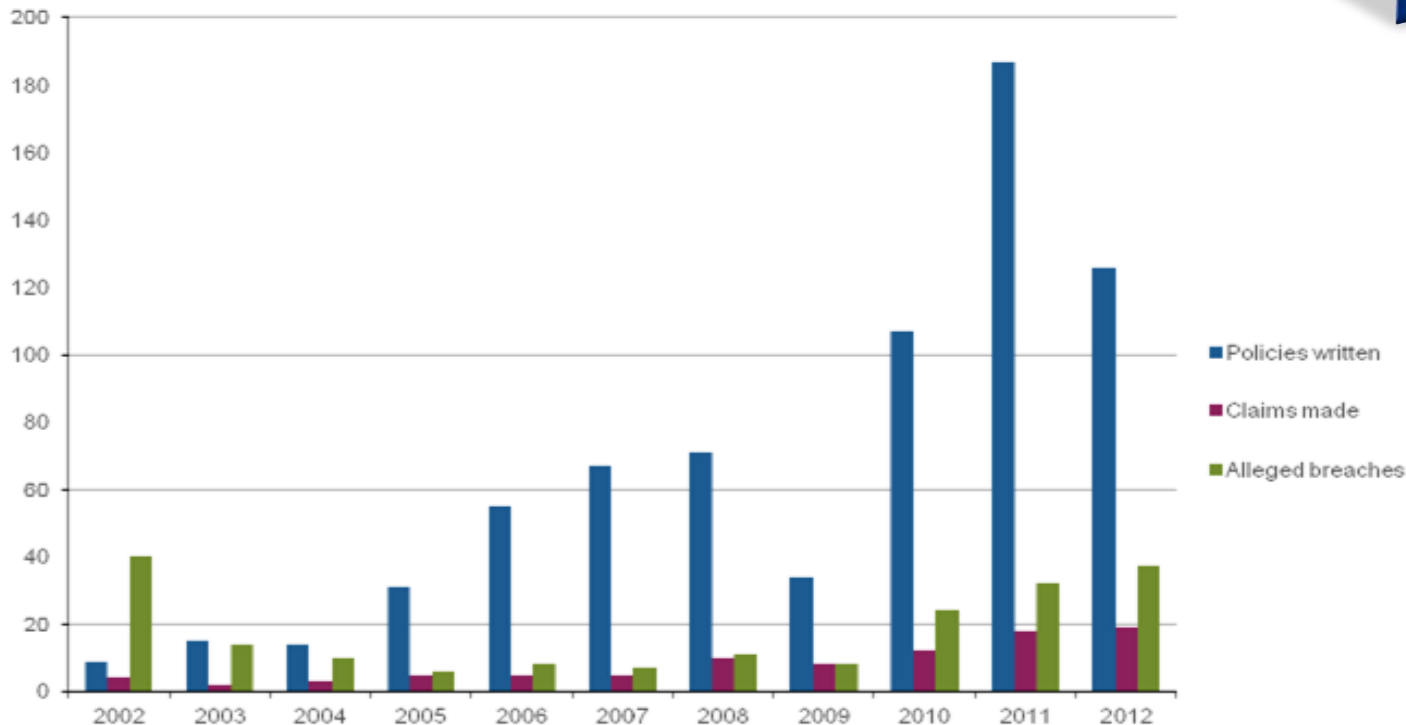
- Mirrors transaction timetable / workflow
- Dedicated broking and underwriting teams, ex-M&A lawyers

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- Significant increase in claim notifications and payments
- c. 65% of all notifications are made within 12 months of the policy inception

12% notification rate
on all policies
written in EMEA
Vs. 23% for
N. America

Frequency of Claims made across EMEA and APAC

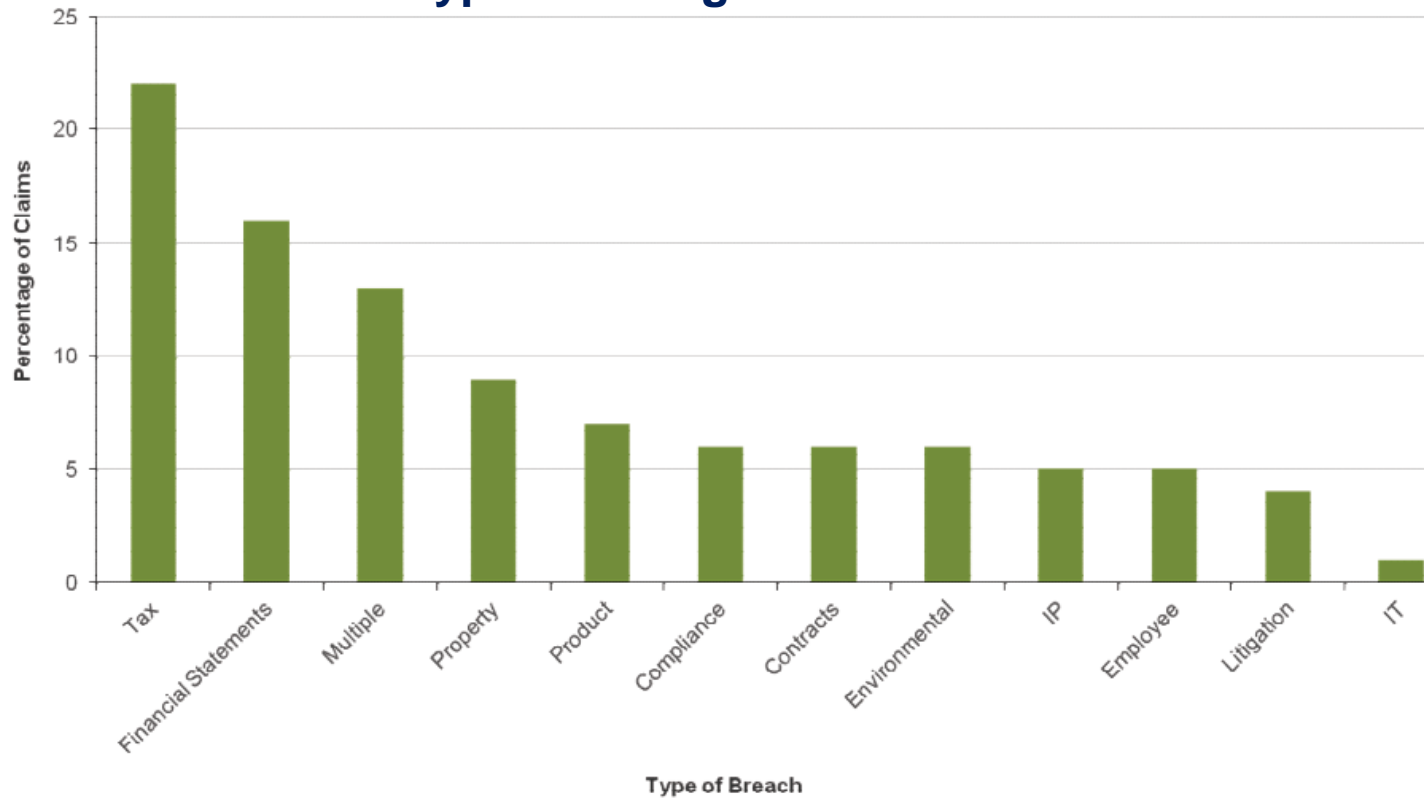


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Claims

Types of Alleged Breaches



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