

# For AIA Components: Sharing Information about AIA Trust

Use these bullets and links on your website, in your component's social media posts, and in publications to acquaint your members with their member benefits and free resources!

### General Resources

- Just starting out? Check out the many programs and free resources available to you as an AIA member starting a firm. Are you a seasoned practitioner? Keep managing new risks successfully as you run your successful firm.
- Check out the <u>all-new AIA Trust website and the many resources</u> available to you by topic and type to help you manage your risks.
- In this virtual world, succeeding at virtual practice is vital. Because it's imperative that every practitioner understand legal requirements and how to navigate the risks, read the AIA Trust Guide to Virtual Practice.
- Find out how to handle risks for your firm with these <u>vital risk mitigation techniques</u> critical to your profitability and viability.
- Read the article titled "<u>Firm Management Strategies</u>" based on interviews with various sized firms from around the country about managing through catastrophes and enduring – often emerging even stronger.
- Are you and your firm prepared for the future? Find out what you should be doing now to prepare: <u>review</u> the guide with ownership transition resources.
- An increasing number of design firms has been taking on the role of 'Code Examiner' exposing them to heightened risks. If this sounds familiar, consider taking the following <u>risk mitigation steps</u>.
- <u>Do you know what you need to about blockchain?</u> Find out important facts about this evolving trend that could present a competitive challenge and an opportunity for your firm.
- Staying on top of emerging risks is a challenge and the AIA Trust helps you to identify and manage them. The expanding AIA Trust <u>risk management library of practice resources</u> includes articles, guides, and webinars on topics ranging from virtual practice and green design to cyber liability, BIM, and more!
- Many firms were caught unawares by COVID-19. This article on emergency management will help you address a pandemic or other emergency and the subsequent business disruption.
- Video conferencing is now part of the new normal for internal and project communications. But there are increased risks to consider. Learn how to prepare for and <u>avoid the exposures created by video</u> <u>conferencing.</u>
- When you receive the quarterly newsletter, <u>Managing Your Risks</u> you get tips, strategies, and insights about evolving risks, new practice resources, retirement planning, and more or sign up here.

## Risk Reports & Guides

- AIA Trust Risk reports each include a short synopsis about the risks or read the full reports for more
  details. Many include handy tools such as checklists and self-assessment tests for learning unit credit.
- Architects face many challenges in the realm of sustainability. <u>The AIA Trust has published a number of reports on sustainability to help you meet these challenges successfully.</u>
- A risk report on <u>Green Design</u> discusses its potential impact on the architect's standard of care, exploring new risks and legal theories along with case studies with suggested risk management tools.
- With cyber-attacks against architecture firms of all sizes on the rise, this AIA Trust risk report, <u>The Threat Is Real</u>, is a must-read to protect your business.
- Designing facilities for medical marijuana poses unique challenges for design professionals and The <u>AIA Trust Guide to Marijuana Facilities Design</u> highlights important considerations and ways to address associated risks.
- The <u>AIA Trust Guide to Brewery Design</u> focuses on some of the unique risks involved with the regulations and requirements of craft breweries.

### **Tools for Members Practices**

- If you could use guidance on selecting or renewing your professional liability insurance, the AIA Trust

  Professional Liability Insurer Database lists top insurers in the marketplace with important data about each to enable you search for specific criteria to meet your firm's needs and generate comparison reports plus find in-depth articles to help you make the right decisions. Click here for tips and guides about this important insurance.
- The AIA Trust offers a wealth of resources to assist AIA Members and their firms with <u>Financial Management and Planning</u>.
- You can compare insurers and various coverage when you <u>search the AIA Trust Professional Liability</u> <u>Insurer Database</u> listing more than 40 top insurers with important data about each.
- AIA members and their firms can find qualified A/E Construction Lawyers to help when you need it
  most—in handling a pending claim or another A/E legal matter. <u>Visit the AIA Trust Legal Network</u> -- with
  tips for working with attorneys, too.
- <u>The AIA Trust assembles healthcare coverage resources</u> to help answer your questions, including fact sheets about grandfathered plans, Health Savings Accounts, and employee options.

### Webinars

- <u>AIA Trust webinars, live and on-demand</u>, can assist you with negotiating contracts, cyber-risk, managing climate change, collaborative delivery and more. Most offer AIA continuing education credits. You may also <u>complete self-assessment tests</u> for AIA learning unit credits.
- Starting your own firm is a challenge but you can learn how to structure yours for success: <u>Structuring Success: How to Start and Run Your Own Firm</u> offers learning unit credits by completing the SAT.
- Practicing architecture virtually became a new reality for many architects over the past year. Check out
  the webinar with detailed Q&A to answer your questions on how to successfully run a <u>Virtual Architecture</u>
  Practice.

# Special AIA Member Benefits

- New AIA members may be eligible for a full year of \$25,000 Group Term Life Insurance at no cost if they apply during their first 45 days of membership.
- New first-time AIA members may also receive a complimentary three-month subscription to Practice Coach
   – for practical, up-to-date, legal information for architects.
- The AIA Trust Professional Liability Insurance Program from Victor and CNA offers a special premium credit of up to 5 percent for eligible AIA members.
- <u>Cyber Liability Insurance</u> is designed specifically for architects offering much needed protection from increasing digital crime and access to a breach response team, expert legal services, technical support, and cyber security training plus valuable resources on the topic.
- <u>Practice Coach</u> is a unique legal information service available exclusively to AIA Members & their firms. Call 800-688-9780 for details and to enroll.
- Healthcare Options including fully funded, ACA-compliant healthcare insurance, ancillary options such as
  dental and vision coverage, and financial strategies that make sense such as health reimbursement
  arrangements (HRAs) and low-cost HR benefit administration services.
- <u>Long term care insurance</u> is available to AIA members with pricing discounts, access to top-rated carriers in the market, flexible plan design plus special assistance.
- <u>Travel assistance coverage</u> offers AIA members global emergency medical assistance services for their travel at rates up to 50% savings and trip cancellation insurance can save members thousands of dollars from unexpected changes.
- Retirement savings solutions for AIA members with any sized firm along with a free retirement plan proposal and turn-key solutions to retirement planning including plan design and set-up that eliminate additional costs.
- <u>Low auto insurance rates along with a special membership discount</u> are available to AIA members and components get a free, no-obligation rate quote online or by calling 800-368-2734.
- <u>ASPCA Pet Health Insurance program</u> offers AIA members comprehensive coverage and plan customization for their pets – with *special member premium discounts of up to 10%* and an easy online claims process.