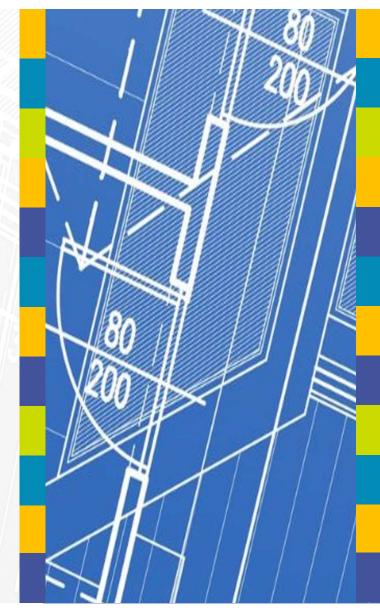


# WORK WITH BUSINESS PARTNERS SALES/MARKETING & PRODUCERS

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## AGENDA

- Perception
- Getting to Yes
- The Ivory Tower
- Flexibility. Courage. Respect.





## HOW COMPLIANCE MAY BE PERCEIVED

**No!** Sales Prevention





#### Yes! Business Partners



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## MARKETING VS. LEGAL



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## **GETTING TO YES**

- Communicate frequently. Be as open as possible
- Educate. Emphasize *why* rather than *what*
- Educate yourself. Truly understand the business you're advising
- Find ways to engage. Get a 'seat at the table'
- Be responsive. But be thoughtful and not too quick
- **Be flexible**. Work to find solutions saying 'no' is easy
- Be courageous. There may be times when your view is unpopular
- Don't be cynical. Compliance often sees the 'bad', rarely the 'good'

## **GETTING TO YES**

#### Focus on shared goals

- Positive customer experience
- Informed customers (who are ready to take the next step)

#### **Provide value**

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When appropriate, share non-compliance feedback (clearly labeled as such)

#### Put risk in perspective

Compliance isn't always perfect



## **THE IVORY TOWER**





#### Don't be perceived as living in an ivory tower

Defined as: People who are happily cut off from the rest of the world in favor of their own pursuits.

- Engage people when drafting and modifying policies and procedures, especially those performing the tasks
- Be flexible
- Listen
- Amend as needed

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## **BE FLEXIBLE**

Saying 'no' to everything is easy, but is often not the right response

Don't squash ideas - partner instead

Your priorities are likely not their priorities

When 'no' is the answer – why?

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## COURAGE

- ★ Sometimes you have to just say "no"
- ★ Requires courage
- ★ Be strong

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- ★ Be thoughtful
- ★ Don't be stubborn
- ★ Admit when you don't know
- \* Admit when you're wrong





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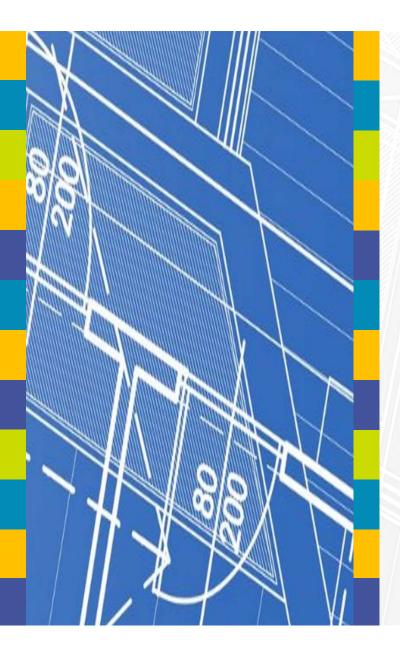


- Selling insurance is hard
- Products are complicated
- Requires people to think of loss
- Been around for a long time- innovations are hard
- Commission is a hard way to survive
- Drivers of revenue



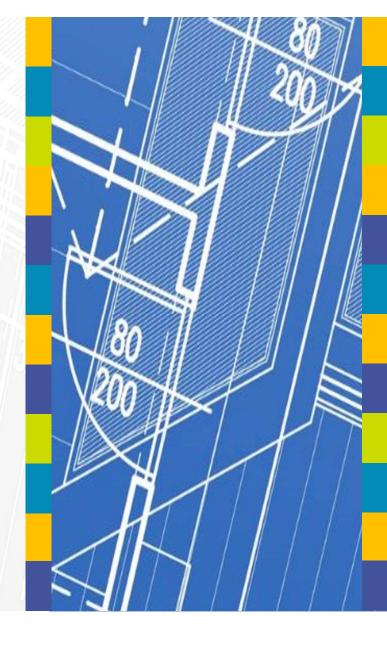
# **QUESTIONS?**

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# FINAL THOUGHTS & CLOSING REMARKS



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