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Darwin and Professional Coverage Managers of New York Introduce New Lawyers Professional Liability Program

Farmington, Conn., October 24, 2006 – Darwin Professional Underwriters, Inc. (Darwin) (NYSE: DR) announces the launch of its new lawyers professional liability (LPL) program designed to cover standard market LPL risks. New York-based Professional Coverage Managers (PCM) has been selected as the program administrator for this product segment.

The program will be available on an admitted basis in Colorado, Georgia, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania and is geared towards law firms in all practice areas, including, but not limited to criminal, residential real estate, and family law.

The product offers several distinct features including extended reporting period options (bi-lateral ERP, disability, death, and cessation of practice). Supplementary coverage of up to \$5,000 for grievance procedures is also available. Policyholders will also receive a comprehensive suite of risk management resources including, a 24-hour hotline, online CLE credits, and access to a web site with a wealth of practical business, legal, and industry information.

“Darwin recognizes the expertise that PCM brings to the lawyers professional liability marketplace,” explains Annamarie Haught, assistant vice president of Darwin’s lawyers professional liability underwriting practice. “PCM is one of the most experienced LPL program administrators in the U.S. and has a reputation in the marketplace of delivering outstanding customer service to their producers and policyholders. We are excited to introduce this new program in partnership with PCM.”

“Darwin’s experience in other segments of the LPL marketplace coupled with their ability to quickly develop and deliver a focused product for standard LPL business made this partnership a perfect fit for PCM,” says Bob Meyer, senior vice president at PCM.

About Darwin

Darwin is a specialty insurance group based in Farmington, Connecticut. The company is focused on the professional liability insurance market and underwrites directors and officers (“D&O”) liability for public and private companies, errors and omissions (“E&O”) liability insurance, and medical malpractice liability insurance. Coverage descriptions are

summaries only, and the complete policy should be read. Darwin member companies include Darwin Professional Underwriters, Inc., Darwin National Assurance Company (DNA), and Darwin Select Insurance Company (DSI). DNA and DSI have earned a financial strength rating of "A- (Excellent)" from A.M. Best Company. Darwin is traded on the NYSE Arca exchange under the ticker symbol, "DR." The company became NYSE Arca's first listed company with DR's initial public offering in May 2006. For more information about Darwin, visit www.darwinpro.com.

About Professional Coverage Managers (PCM)

As a managing general agent for professional liability carriers, PCM is an industry leader in non-medical errors and omissions coverage for attorneys, design professionals, technology and computer professionals, consultants, and other miscellaneous professions. PCM, as a wholesale broker, also places general liability and products-completed operations liability and umbrella/excess coverages for a wide variety of difficult classes.

For more information or to access this LPL program, please contact Annamarie Haught of Darwin at 860-284-1722 (ahaught@darwinpro.com) or Bob Meyer of PCM at 212-344-8774 (rmeyer@pcmgroupp.com). Additional information may be found at www.pcmgroup.com.

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