



# **Insuring Florida's Future**

Founded in 1999, Preferred is a non-assessable insurance risk pool made of and for its members, focusing on the unique needs of Florida's public sector. Our robust membership and financial strength stem from a conservative platform of managed risk. Program administration is provided by Public Risk Underwriters of Florida (PRU).

A key distinguishing feature and advantage of Preferred is the exclusive utilization of independent agents who specialize in public sector risk throughout the state for distribution.

#### WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Our members receive local, personalized service and have built-in representation and advocacy to achieve optimal results.

Preferred's membership is represented by Elected Officials from all segments of Florida's Public Sector. Our Board of Trustees understands your needs and works diligently to bring you enhanced programs and services.

Specialized member-oriented claims service is provided by Preferred Governmental Claims Solutions (PGCS). With more than 40 years in claims experience, PGCS is Florida's foremost governmental third-party administrator. The cornerstones of their claims administration are communication, quick access, and sound return-to-work policies.

Preferred is a proven structure of strength created to protect Florida's public sector.

## Service is the heart of what we do

Our Loss Control & Member Services team takes a proactive approach designed to reduce and prevent claims by customizing our services to your needs at no additional cost.

# DEDICATED LOSS CONTROL CONSULTANTS PROVIDE:

- + Onsite safety inspections
- + Safety training on hundreds of topics
- + Safety program development, review & evaluation
- + Claims analysis & management
- + Claims reviews and Claims 101's
- + Disaster preparedness services



## PREFERRED RISK MANAGEMENT RESOURCE CENTER FOR MEMBERS WHO PURCHASE THEIR EPLI COVERAGE FROM PREFERRED:

### **Cyber Security Resources**

- + Breach health check
- + Customizable Incident Response Plan
- + Unlimited Access to Cybersecurity Experts
- + Immediate crisis management & response
- + Digital Forensic, IR Readiness and Data Review services and consultations available

#### **HR Helpline Services**

+ Unlimited access to HR and Employment Law experts

#### **ADA Website Compliance Resources**

- + WAVE by WebAIM accessibility evaluation tool
- + Expert guidance on ADA compliance

**VECTOR SOLUTIONS** Online training platform with over 600 training courses on HR/Employment Practices, OSHA Compliance, Motor Vehicle Safety, etc.

#### PREFERRED VIRTUAL TRAINING ACADEMY

Virtual training on a wide variety of topics provided by our Loss Control Consultants and industry experts.

**STREAMERY** 24/7 mobile streaming from anywhere with over 700 training topics

**PREFERRED TIPS** 50/50 matching safety & loss control grant program up to \$5,000.

60,000+

Completed Training Courses

**\$3,500,000+** in TIPS Grants

**74%**Risk Management Resource
Center Utilization



## **Your Member Services & Loss Control Team**



**Kevin Meehan** oversees Trust Services. He is responsible for implementing service initiatives for Preferred members and agents. He develops and improves educational training programs, member service platforms, and member safety incentive programs. He is ultimately responsible for increasing member engagement to improve member loss experience and reduce out of pocket costs.



Christopher H. Kittleson has more than 25 years of risk management and loss control experience. Chris has developed industry expertise in the areas of Public Entity Safety Program Development, Return to Work Programs, Regulatory Compliance, Accident Investigation and Safety Training. Chris graduated Cum Laude from St. Cloud State University with a BS in Engineering Technology. He earned his Associate in Risk Management (ARM). He was awarded the 2013 Safety Professional of the Year Award by the South Florida Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE). Chris has presented on behalf of National Associations and has published several articles in loss control and risk management trade publications.



Pam Hancock leads the Loss Control team. She has been in the insurance industry for the past 26 years and has worked primarily with governmental entities during her career. She provides safety training, program/policy development, safety committee oversight, performs claims reviews, trending analysis and inspections. With an emphasis on education and a deep understanding of the claims process, Pam has become a valuable resource to Preferred members. Pam is a Certified ADA Coordinator.



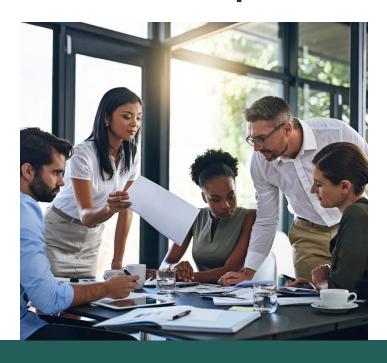
Mike Marinan has a degree in Industrial Safety Engineering and over 37 years experience in the safety and risk management field. Mike's primary objectives include safety and loss control initiatives, reconciling issues between Preferred members and third party claims administrators, and developing opportunities for the Trust's participants to gather knowledge, skills, and information to effectively govern and manage insurance costs. Mike is a member of ASSE, was appointed by the Governor to the Task Force on Workplace Safety and has provided multiple trainings to state agencies.



Mike Stephens has been involved with Loss Control and Member Services since 2004. Mike has completed the OSHA 501 Trainer Course in Occupational Safety and Health Standards (General Industry) and has attained certification as a Safety Auditor. Mike's safety awareness and dedication to customer service are what make him an essential part of the Member Services and Loss Control team. Mike is the resources and services coordinator and support specialist for all Preferred members.



# Personalized Top-Tier Claims Service



450

Government Entities Served by PGCS

20

Average Years of Teammate
Industry Experience

12

Average Years of Teammate
Tenure at PGCS

3

**Decades of Claims Service** 

24/7

Claims Service



# **PGCS Leadership Team**



Stacy Hargrove, Vice President of Liability Claims is responsible for the daily operations of the Liability Claims Department at PGCS. Stacy Hargrove has more than 33 years of experience handling all types of liability claims and subrogation matters. She has held various positions within the claims industry and has proactively handled a variety of liability claim types including auto accident, slip and fall, premises liability, employer liability, and subrogation recovery; all with client accolades for excellent customer service and knowledge. Stacy has extensive litigation management experience and works directly with defense counsel in defending litigated claims. She has also monitored several trials and has been successful in partnering with her legal team to achieve favorable defense verdicts as well as other positive resolutions. Stacy has a wealth of knowledge in the liability arena and is an integral and valued member of the PGCS team.



Cheryl Riley, Director of WC Claims is responsible for the overall direction and leadership of the PGCS workers' compensation claims unit. While at PGCS, Cheryl has steadily promoted and held the positions of Account Manager, Quality Assurance Manager and Workers' Compensation Claims Manager prior to her current position of Director of Workers' Compensation Claims. Cheryl's dedication to customer-centric solutions and focus on building strong 'partner' relationships has been successful for PGCS and its customers. Cheryl holds a Florida All Lines license, and has earned the designation of a Board Certified Workers' Compensation Litigation Claims Specialist.



## Innovative Solutions. Accurate Valuations.



In partnership with Centurisk, Preferred provides property appraisals for all property locations at no cost to our members. The field appraisals provide critical information on primary and secondary building characteristics, flood zones, and valuations. Field appraisals are conducted by Centurisk on a rolling five-year schedule, trending reports are available in the interim upon request. Once the appraisal is completed, members then have the choice to insure at appraised values to maintain blanket coverage. If a Member chooses to underinsure the property, the coverage agreement will be endorsed to "stated value".



You receive exclusive access to the AMP platform, which offers an innovative approach for property tracking and valuation management. AMP provides dynamic reporting capabilities and features an intuitive design, which allows your team to get up and running in minutes. Vital property information is maintained in AMP, including a change history for each asset. Up-to-date property valuations and information are automatically imported into AMP and our experienced team offers personalized training to optimize your use of the system and reporting tools.





# **Disaster Preparedness and Response**

## Preferred Priority is with you every step of the way -

Preferred Priority is an enhanced disaster recovery service designed for Preferred members to streamline the disaster recovery process. This customized service starts with preparedness. Our loss control consultants work with members to develop and implement a customized disaster recovery plan that will stand up to the worst of disasters. In advance of a storm, resources like temporary buildings, generators and dry out equipment are deployed to member locations. Members have priority status during a disaster and have access to a 24/7 Emergency Response Center, immediate onsite evaluations of property, complete build and restoration services, FEMA closeout packets and direct payments to vendors. When disaster strikes Preferred Priority is there for you.





Preferred Priority is a member-centric emergency response partnership with BluSky Restoration, ensuring each member receives top-priority service without delays. This partnership is designed to provide immediate access to essential resources and expertise in times of crisis. BluSky Restoration's dedicated team is ready 24/7, including holidays and weekends, to deliver rapid and effective mitigation and property restoration services. Our agreement guarantees that every member benefits from a seamless, efficient response, helping them quickly return to normal operations with minimal disruption.



When a named storm is approaching, our field adjusters from Engle Martin are staged nearby with all contact and policy information for each member so that they can provide damage inspections immediately after a storm. Engle Martin uses cutting edge drone technology to identify damage mitigation opportunities that you may not have known existed. The EM adjusters also have access to prior appraisals and COPE data, which helps streamline and expedite the claims process. This real time response enables us to get advance claim payments in your hands **within days**.

To finalize your claim, we provide a claim resolution packet, which includes all documentation to support your claim in addition to FEMA closeout assistance.



# **Liability Defense Panel**



#### ROPER, TOWNSEND, SUTPHEN

2707 E. Jefferson Street Orlando, FL 32803 (407) 897-5150 www.roperpa.com

#### **BRIONEZ & BRIONEZ, P.A.**

322 W. Burleigh Blvd Tavares, FL 32778 (352) 432-4044 www.bblawfl.com

#### **CARR ALLISON**

305 S. Gadsden St. Tallahassee, FL 32301 (850) 222-2107

208 N. Laura Street Suite 1100 Jacksonville, FL 32202 (904) 328-6456

www.carrallison.com

## **KELLEY KRONENBERG**

1475 Centrepark Blvd, Suite 275 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (561) 684-5956 Tampa Jacksonville/ Fort Lauderdale Locations www.kelleykronenberg.com

# QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A.

4190 Belfort Rd, Suite 450 Jacksonville, FL 32216 Trinity, FL 34655 (904) 354-5500 www.qpwblaw.com

# ROBERTS, REYNOLDS, BEDARD & TUZZIO, P.A.

470 Columbia Drive West Palm Beach, FL 33409 (561) 688-6560 www.rrbpg.com

5237 Summerlin Commons Blvd. Ft. Myers, FL 33907 (239) 275-2268 www.rrbpa.com

# RUMBERGER, KIRK & CALDWELL P.A.

101 N. Monroe Street, Suite 120 Tallahassee, FL 32301 (850) 222-6550 www.rumberger.com

#### **LLOPIZ WIZEL**

1451 W Cypress Creek Rd Suite 300 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 (754) 312-7389 www.l-wfirm.com

### UNICE, SALZMAN & JENSEN, P.A.

1815 Little Road Trinity, FL 34655 (727) 723-3772 www.unicesalzman.com

## WARNER LAW FIRM, P.A.

501 W 11th St.
Panama City, FL 32401
(850) 784-7772
timwarner@warnerlaw.us

# WALTON, LANTAFF, SCHROEDER & CARSON LLP

931 Village Blvd, Suite 905 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (561) 689-6700 www.waltonlantaff.com

# WEISS, SEROTA, HELFMAN, COLE & BIERMAN

2525 Ponce De Leon Blvd, Suite 700 Coral Gables, FL 33134 (305) 854-0800 www.wsh-law.com



# **Workers' Compensation Defense Panel**



# BARBAS, NUNEZ, SANDERS, BUTLER & HOVSEPIAN

1802 W. Cleveland Street Tampa, Florida 33606 (813) 279-2686

www.barbaslaw.com

### ROPER, TOWNSEND, SUTPHEN

2707 E. Jefferson Street Orlando, FL 32803 (407) 897-5150

www.roperpa.com

### **CHARTWELL LAW OFFICES, LLP**

2984 Wellington Circle Tallahassee, FL 32309 (850) 668-7900

833 Highland Avenue, Suite 202 Orlando, FL 32803 (407) 203-3600 www.chartwelllaw.com

## COLE, STONE & STOUDEMIRE, P.A.

201 North Hogan Street #400 Jacksonville, FL 32202 (904) 352-9664

### **HERNANDEZ, HICKS & VALOIS**

5800 N. Andrews Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33309 (954) 938-1920 dhernandez@hhdefense.com

#### **KELLEY KRONENBERG**

10245 Centurion Pkwy N. Suite 300 Jacksonville, FL 32256 (904) 549-7700 www.kellevkronenberg.com

# PUBLIC ENTITY LEGAL SOLUTIONS

P.O. Box 958464 Lake Mary, FL 32795 (321) 832-1400 ghelm@pelsusa.com www.bha-law.com

# WALTON, LANTAFF, SCHROEDER & CARSON LLP

931 Village Blvd, Suite 905 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (561) 689-6700 www.wgltonlantaff.com



# **Coverage Advantages**

- + SUPERIOR WINDSTORM
  COVERAGE: While other risk
  pools exclude wharves, piers,
  docks, signs, antennas, and
  communication towers, our
  program provides wind coverage
  for these scheduled locations.
- PREFERRED PROPERTY
  PROGRAM is a shared limit.
  The amount of limit purchased is determined annually. In responding to numerous windstorm events for more than 20 years, Preferred's losses have never exceeded the shared limit purchased.



- + \$100,000 of Non Non-Monetary coverage for Injunctive Relief, EEOC, Public Records and Inverse Condemnation allegations.
- + Professional Liability offered on either claims made or occurrence form.
- + Cyber Liability limits up to \$2,000,000 for both 1st and 3rd party claims.
- + Available Limits up to \$10,000,000 on all liability lines.
- + Public Officials and Employment Practices liability with no aggregate limit.
- + Defense costs are outside of the limit of liability, deductible does not apply to defense.
- + Deadly Weapon protection coverage free of charge. Crisis Response provided by CrisisRisk, a leading national response firm.
- + Unmanned Aircraft (Drone) Liability coverage of \$500,000.

- No wind exclusions for locations near the coast.
- No additional premium charged for a single location or total site locations acquired or newly constructed during the year with values less than \$15,000,000.
- Property in the open (PITO)
   coverage is provided up
   to 1,000 feet of an existing
   location with no valuation
   restrictions.
- + Blanket Inland Marine Coverage for individual equipment valued less than \$25,000.

