#### Further Development of the Internet Based, Business Process Utility ("BPU") for Insurance Claims

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## Agenda

Claims Utility Market Overview Business Implications BPU Legal Considerations Technology Implications Real World Example Panel Discussion / Q&A

Claims Utility Market Overview

- What is a Claims Utility?
- Initial Offerings
- Current Trends
- Potential Future Markets

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# Claims Utility Business Implications

Competitive Positioning
Operating Models

In-house
Package
ASP

Outsourcing

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#### Legal Considerations Q: What is Legal Basis for BPU?

State Street Bank Case (1998)
Pure Software Patentable
AT&T v. Excel Case (1999)
Business Methods Patentable

Legal Considerations Q: What is best Business Structure?

Ownership
Spin-Off vs. Joint Venture
Vehicle
Corporation vs. LLC
Venue
Delaware vs. Bermuda, etc.

## Legal Considerations Q: Are there Anti-Trust Concerns?

#### Spin-Offs

- Rules and Procedures to prevent customers from using BPU to violate anti-trust laws
- Joint Ventures
  - Must prevent any appearance of Price-Fixing

#### Legal Considerations Other Issues

Privacy of Customer Data
Gramm-Leach-Bliley
EU Privacy Directive, etc.
Laws re computer transactions
UCITA,
Electronic Signatures, etc.

## **Technology Implications**

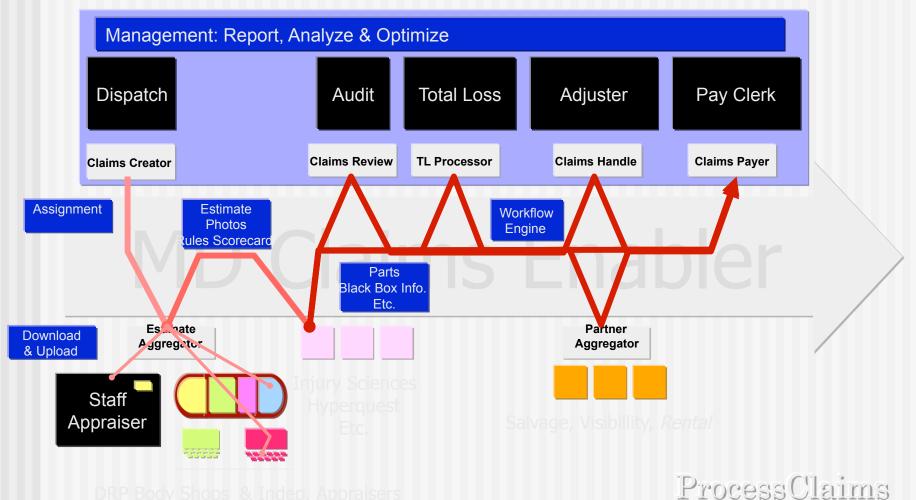
- Loosely coupled integration
- Seamless desktop to back office communication
- Use of data analysis for cost optimization

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## **Technology Implications**

- Technology facilitated "exchange"
   How much data is "good" for your company
- Usage of standards, who is leading and who is lagging

#### **Real World Physical Damage** Web Based Hub



### Panel Discussion

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### **Questions and Answers**

- What is an insurance claims utility ("ICU")?
- Is there a perceived need for ICUs?
- Is there a demonstrated need?
- What is the current state of the market for an ICU?
- What is the most likely future market for an ICU?
- Describe recent past ICUs ?
- Are there any current successful examples?

### **Questions and Answers**

- What are current successful examples of ICUs?
- What has made current ICUs successful?
- Are there any serious technical obstacles to the development of an ICU today?
- If so, what are they?
- What institutional obstacles are there, if any to the development of ICUs?
- What ICUs are most likely to be available five years from now?