

Introduction to Micro Captives & the 831(b) Election



Why a Micro Captive?

- **Greater control and management of risk**
- **Reduced expenses (captive vs. admitted insurer)**
- **Ownership of improving results**
- **Additional, customized coverage**
- **Reasonable capital requirements**
- **Minimal regulatory barrier to entry**
- **Tax advantage**
- **Buy-out or retirement planning, deferred compensation, business succession, asset protection**
- **Supplements Group Captives very well**

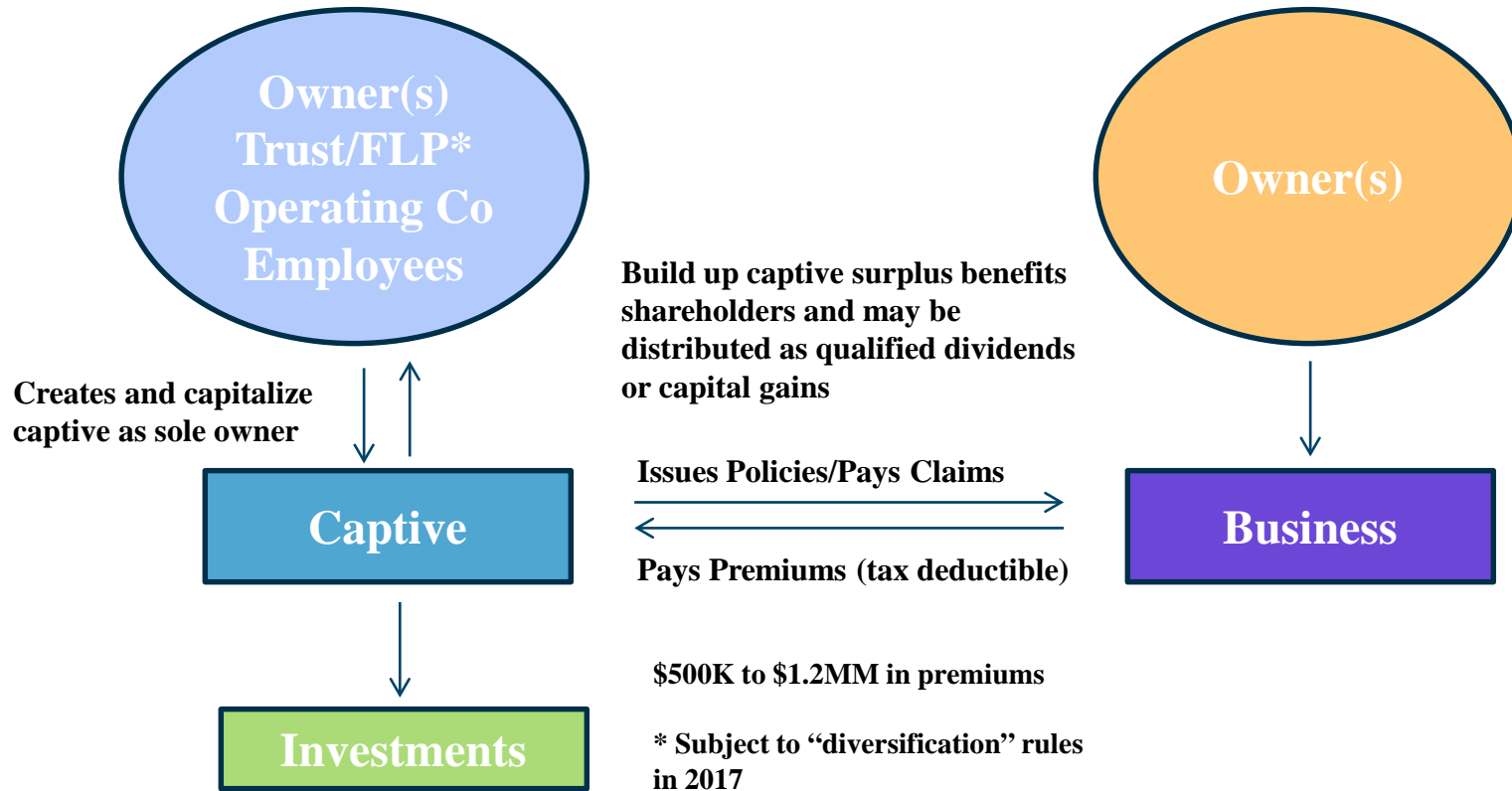
Section 831(b)

- **IRC Section 831(b) provides that:**
- **Insurance companies with less than \$1.2 million of annual premium pay \$0 income tax on insurance profits. For 2017 and subsequent years, limit is \$2.2 million, adjusted for inflation**
- **Investment income is taxed as income to C-corporation**
- **831(b) must be timely elected and cannot be revoked without the permission of the Secretary**

Section 831(b) 2017 Law Changes

- **Effective January 1, 2017, the annual premium limit is \$2.2 million, adjusted for inflation**
- **The “Diversification” requirement provides that either**
 - **20 percent or less of written premium is attributable to one policyholder, OR**
 - **No owner of captive who is a lineal descendant or spouse of any owner of insured business owns more than two percentage points of captive than their respective ownership in insured business**
- **Annual reporting on diversification to be required**

831(b) Captive Structure



Ideal Candidates

- **Privately owned businesses**
- **Public companies**
- **Profitable operations**
- **Businesses with substantial self-insured or uninsured risks**
- **High net worth business owner with tax and asset protection planning needs**
- **Insured must be a long-term strategic planner**

Key business factors

Businesses with at least \$10 million in gross revenues

Positive cash flow and positive projected taxable earnings

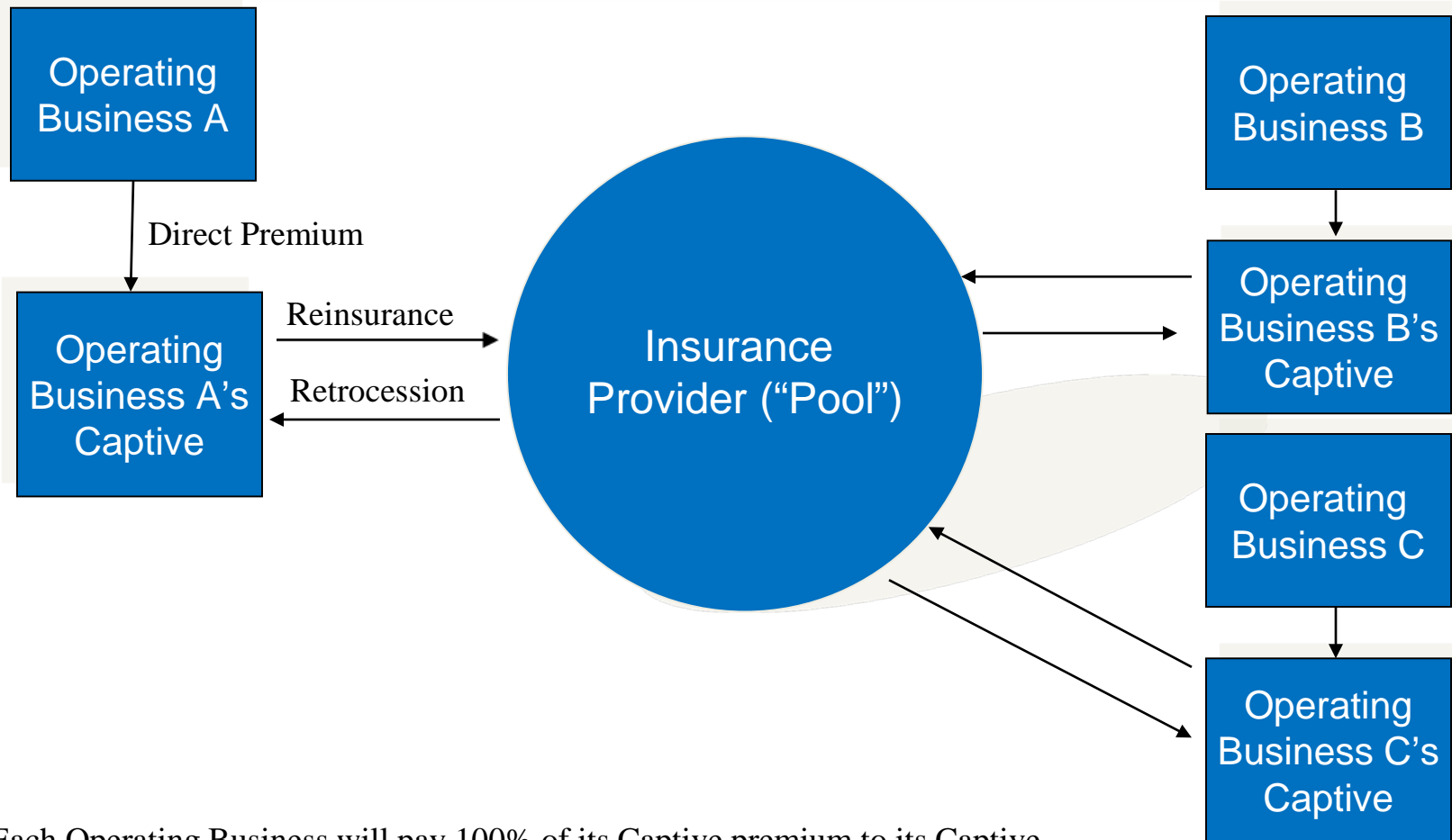
What makes it an insurance company?

- **Primary business activity must be insurance**
 - (a.k.a. Legitimate Business Purpose)
 - Needs to be operated like an insurance company
- **Premiums and policies must be**
 - Market-comparable
 - Risk-based
 - Established at arms length
 - Actuarial support is strongly encouraged
- **Initial capitalization must be adequate**
 - 4:1 (premiums to capital) with certain minimums
 - Generally \$280,000 of initial capital through cash or LOC
- **Insurance transaction**
 - **Risk transfer**
 - **Risk distribution**

Risk Transfer and Distribution

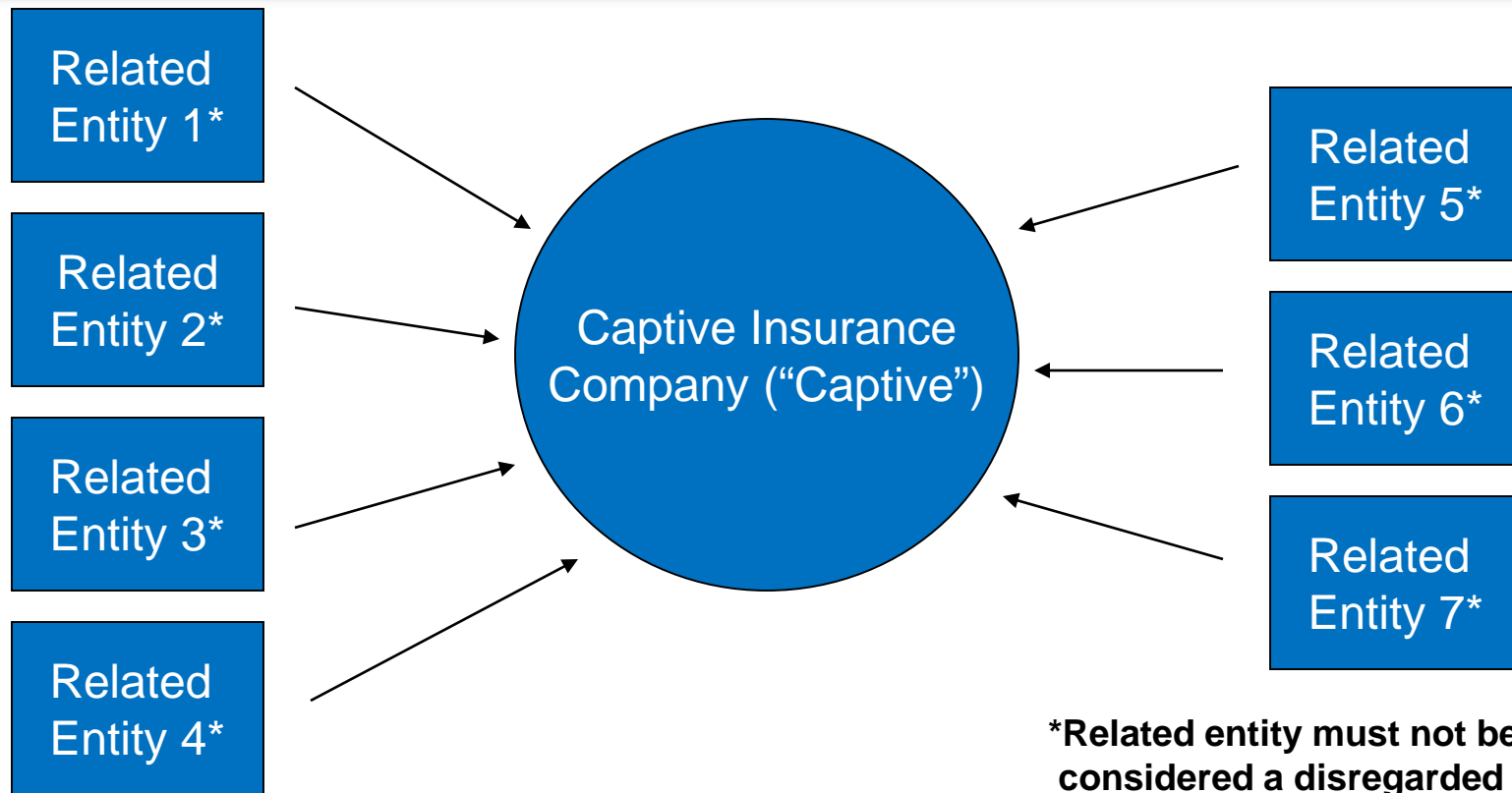
- **Risk Transfer**
 - **Must involve shifting of risk**
 - **Must involve significant chance of a significant economic loss**
- **Risk Distribution**
 - **“Unrelated Related” Model**
 - **At least 50% unrelated risk-Revenue Ruling 2002-89**
 - **At least seven unrelated entities (Group Captive)-Revenue Ruling 2002-91**
 - **Brother-Sister Model**
 - **12 or more insureds-Revenue Ruling 2002-90**
 - **Fewer may be acceptable, each must have between 5% and 15%**
 - **Limits on the types of entities that can be counted separately**

Achieving Risk Distribution under unrelated risk model



- Each Operating Business will pay 100% of its Captive premium to its Captive.
- Each captive then reinsures certain risks with the Pool, representing over 50% of risk and premium of the Captive.
- The Pool retrocedes to each Captive a quota share premium equal to the premium ceded from Captive to the pool. 9
- Example: Assume Operating Business A's captive pays \$200k to the Pool and that \$200k premium represents 2% of all premiums received by the Pool. The Pool will then pay Operating Business A's Captive \$200k to reinsure 2% of the Pool's total risk (i.e. 2% of all of the other participating Operating Businesses' risk).

Achieving Risk Distribution under brother sister model



- Related entities pay premiums directly to the Captive for various lines of P&C insurance.
- Each Related Entity's premium cannot be less than 5% nor more than 15% of the total premiums received by the Captive.

Captive Insurance Company Policies

The insurance in a micro-captive is customized coverage designed to enhance, complement, and integrate with existing insurance policies. It is generally designed as first party liability and claims made policies.

- **Everything a business currently self-insures:**
 - **Deductibles**
 - **Excess losses above coverage limits**
 - **Environmental Liability**
- **Loss of income as a result of:**
 - **Losing key employee/salesperson**
 - **Loss of license/professional risks (professionals)**
 - **Loss of a key contract (Gov't. contractors)**
 - **Weather, terrorism, etc.**
- **Liability defense expenses:**
 - **Employee lawsuits – sexual harassment, wrongful termination, discrimination, etc.**
 - **Environmental issues**
 - **Professional claims**
- **Second A Fund for CRI Clients**

Examples of Captive Insurance Policies Written

- **Professional liability Gap Coverage**
- **HIPAA/Billing Audit Liability**
- **Contractual Liability**
- **Cyber Liability**
- **Environmental Liability**
- **Excess Environmental Liability**
- **Labor Shortage/Strike Loss Reimbursement**
- **Employment Practices**
- **Employee Dishonesty**
- **Patent Infringement/Intellectual Property**
- **General Liability Gap**
- **Property Management Professional**
- **Professional Misconduct**
- **Product Recall**
- **FDA Administrative Actions Liability**
- **Product Liability Gap**
- **Directors and Officers Liability**
- **Punitive Damages**
- **Loss of Key Employee**
- **Wind Deductibles on Property**

Tax Considerations

- **Premiums are deductible when paid under IRC Sections 162 and 212**
 - **Assuming premiums are market comparable or can be valued by an actuary**
- **Taxation of CIC's profits**
 - **Income tax on investment income only**
 - **Minimum premium taxes**
- **Dividends from the micro-captive are taxed as qualified dividends when distributed and capital gains upon liquidation**
- **Retirement**
 - **Certain investments and structures could allow client to access CIC invested funds tax efficiently**

Potential Savings- 5 Years - 2016

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	Captive Model					Total Captive Cash	Company Cash	Total Cash	Non-Captive Scenario	
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5					
Premiums	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$5,500,000		\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	No Premium paid
Claims	-50,000	-50,000	-50,000	-50,000	-50,000	-250,000	-250,000	-500,000	-250,000	Cost of claims
Claim Reimbursement							250,000	250,000		
Tax Savings (federal and state)							2,453,000		111,500	44.6%
Mgmt Fees	-75,000	-85,000	-85,000	-85,000	-85,000	-415,000		-415,000		
Tax benefit (Note)	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		
Net Cash	975,000	965,000	965,000	965,000	965,000	4,835,000	2,453,000	7,288,000	5,361,500	
Projected Net of Tax Earnings @ 3%	29,250	59,078	89,800	121,444	150,394	449,965	228,286	678,251	498,963	Earning @ 3% on after tax dollars
						5,284,965	2,681,286	7,966,251	5,860,463	
						-1,257,822		-1,257,822		23.8%
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Increase in Net Worth After All Expenses

\$847,966

Expenses

- **Initial feasibility study at no charge**
- **Implementation costs: \$60,000 to \$75,000**
- **Annual costs: \$70,000 to \$85,000-paid by captive**
- **No additional fees for corporate tax planning or legal work with MIJS**
- **Lower fees for multiple captives for one organization**

About the Captive

- **Annual Board meeting conducted via teleconference**
- **Multiple state domiciles available**
- **Owner of captive need not be insured corporation**
- **Investments individually managed, but must meet regulatory guidelines; bank could manage**
- **Utilizing Ernst & Young for 831(b) tax preparation**
- **Utilizing Pinnacle Actuarial Resources for premium support**

Why use Captive Resources and MIJS?

- **Former Ernst & Young (“EY”) Insurance Tax partner heads up Captive Resources team**
- **Captive Resources is the preeminent captive service provider**
- **MIJS law firm has extensive expertise and attention to all details; also, their insurance partners can design custom policies**
- **Terrorism pool pricing and structure has been reviewed by IRS and two actuarial firms**
- **MIJS legal expertise is included in costs**
- **High quality actuarial service provider (Pinnacle Actuarial Resources) and tax firm (EY) included in team**
- **MIJS has an excellent relationship with the IRS**
- **Costs are frozen and never increase**
- **No costs to eventually terminate program**
- **Use your own investment advisors**

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Next Steps

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