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# **COMPARISON OF WRITING AGENT CONTRACTS**

### **CAREER AGENT CONTRACT**

#### ADVANTAGES

- 1. **FICA:** A Career Agent is deemed a "statutory employee" for FICA purposes, and Security Mutual pays the "employer" FICA contribution. The Career Agent's FICA contribution is deducted from his/her commission earnings.
- 2. **Profit Sharing Plan:** A Career Agent is eligible to join the Career Agent's Profit Sharing Plan after one year's service with the company (entry dates are January 1 and July 1). Participants who earn at least \$25,000 in first-year commissions will receive a contribution of 5 percent of compensation up to the Social Security taxable wage base and 10 percent compensation in excess of the Social Security taxable wage base. Career agents are eligible to defer a portion of their earnings (up to IRS published limits) into their self-directed 401(k) plan account.
- 3. **Annualized Commission Plan:** Career Agents are eligible to participate, subject to recommendation by their General Agent. *By the General Agent's recommendation, a General Agent is obligated to guarantee repayment of any annualized commission, should the Writing Agent default.*
- 4. Company-Sponsored Errors and Omissions Insurance Coverage is subsidized.
- 5. Career Agents are eligible to qualify for Company Club recognition, i.e., President's Cabinet.

#### CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. There is a service requirement for vested commissions as follows:
  - A. First-year commissions are vested.
  - B. Second-year commissions are vested when a Career Agent has been with the Company for three full years.
  - C. Third- and fourth-year commissions are vested when a Career Agent has been with the Company for five full years.
  - D. Fifth- and sixth-year commissions are vested when a Career Agent has been with the Company for ten full years.
- 2. Career Agent is to be a full-time life insurance agent whose principal business activity is selling life insurance and annuity contracts for Security Mutual.
- There is a maintenance requirement to continue the Career Agent's contract as follows:
  A. Must have total first-year commissions earned during the contract year of \$15,000.
- 4. Service Fees are not vested.

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### **BROKER CONTRACT**

#### **ADVANTAGES**

- 1. Commissions Vested from Day ONE.
- 2. Brokers are eligible to qualify for Company Club recognition, i.e., President's Cabinet.

#### CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. NO fringe benefits available, such as:
  - A. No Profit Sharing Plan
  - B. No 401(k) Commission Deferrals
  - C. No Annualized Commission Plan
  - D. No E&O Subsidy
- 2. Service Fees are not vested.

## **AGENT and ASSOCIATE AGENT CONTRACT**

#### ADVANTAGES

- 1. Commissions Vested from Day ONE.
- 2. Any number of Associate Agents can write business under the Agent Contract. Each Associate Agent does not need to be a part of the corporation (if Agent is a corporation).

#### CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. All compensation is payable to the Agent.
- 2. Agent is eligible to qualify for Company Club recognition, i.e., President's Cabinet.
- 3. Associate Agents do not receive any compensation and are not eligible for any Company-sponsored clubs or promotions.