# BUSINESS INSURANCE

### 2019 WORLD CAPTIVE FORUM

Captive College: Fundamentals and Development Issues

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### Agenda

- Topics
- More
- More





### What is a Captive?

Differentiators (in handout)

To regulators (and the NAIC!) – Cells included?

To the IRS

To the DOL (Benefits)

To managers and service providers

And...their owners! ...or members





# Other forms of Captive

**Risk Retention Groups** 

Reciprocals

PORCs and agency-owned captives

SPVs and XXX entities

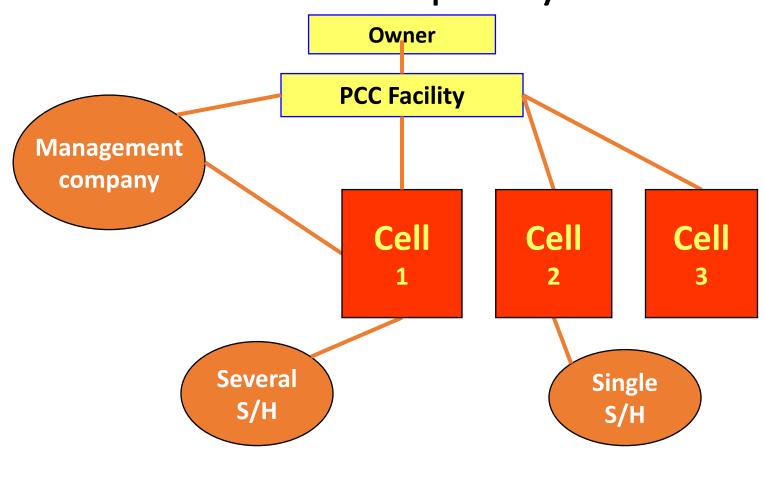
Mini or micro ("831-b") captives

**Pools of Captives** 





# Other forms cont'd Protected Cell Company - Structure





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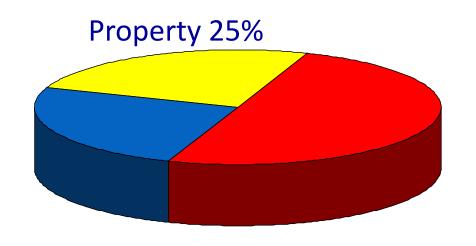
# Cell or Captive?

	Captive	Cell	
Full control	More	Less	
Capital	More	Less	
Regulatory fees	More	Less	
Management fees	More	Less	
Auditor's fees	More	Maybe none	
Directors' fees	More	None	
Indirect costs	same	same	
Liquidator's fees	Higher	lower	





### Captives: What they write



Casualty 50%

All other 25%





### Risk Insured in Captives?

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Property, Business Interruption
General Liability
Professional Liability
Automobile
Completed Operations Liability
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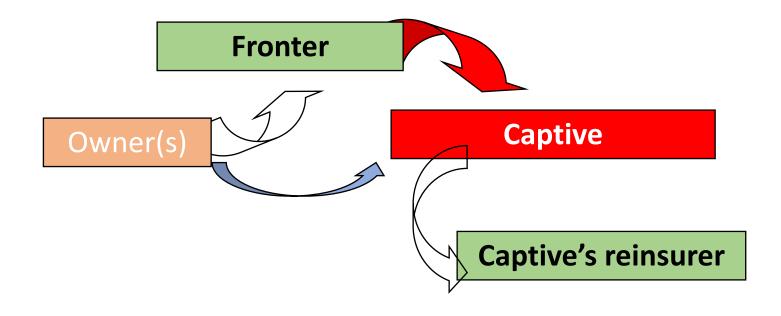
# Risk Insured in Captives (cont'd)

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Marine, transportation
Terrorism
Workers Compensation
Employee Benefits
Cyber Liability
Customer, dealer, franchisee ins coverages
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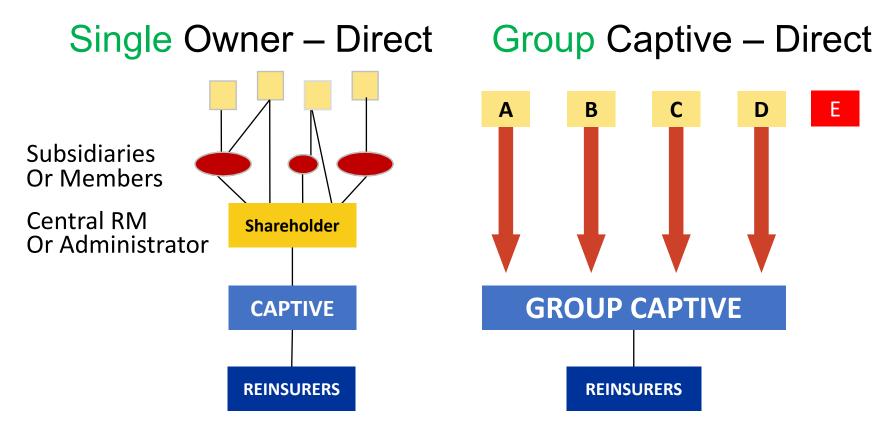
### Direct or Reinsurance Captives?





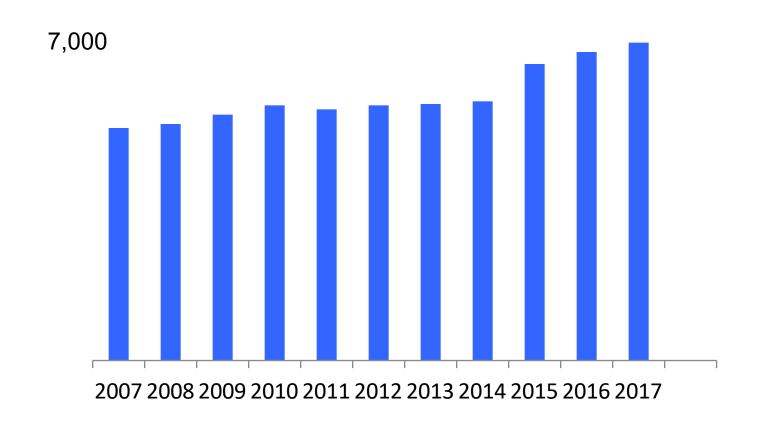


# Single Owner / Group Captives





### Number of Captives: Continual Growth?







### Why Captives? The Key Reasons

Cost reduction

**Access to reinsurance** 

**Investment income** 

**Administrative tool** 





### 1. Cost Reduction

"I want to reduce insurance costs."

Obvious example:

"Low loss ratio?"

Losses incurred

Premiums retained

Less than 30%

**Retentions:** The group could take higher retentions, but the individual members or business units can't.



### 1. Cost Reduction: How?

Reduce or eliminate commissions

Eliminate insurer profit margins

Control of claims





### 1. Cost Reduction: How?

Reduce high commercial rates

Eliminate non-essential services

Eliminate pooling charges

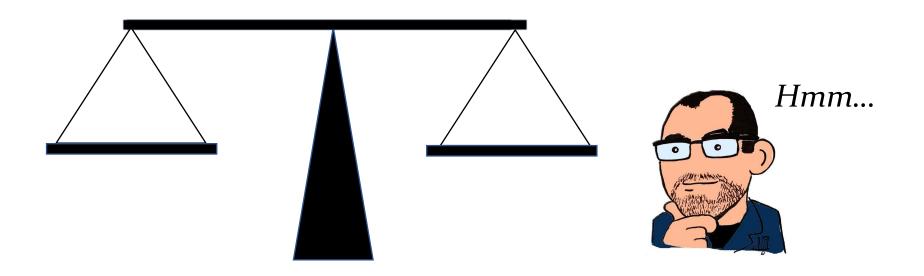
Avoid charges for guarantee funds





**Cost Increases** 

**Cost Savings/Reductions** 

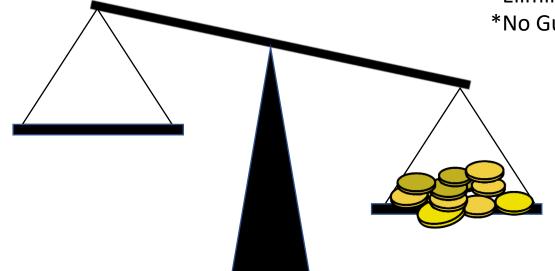








- \*Pricing more consistent with loss experience
- \*Control Claims
- \*Eliminate Non-Essential Services
- \*No Guarantee Fund



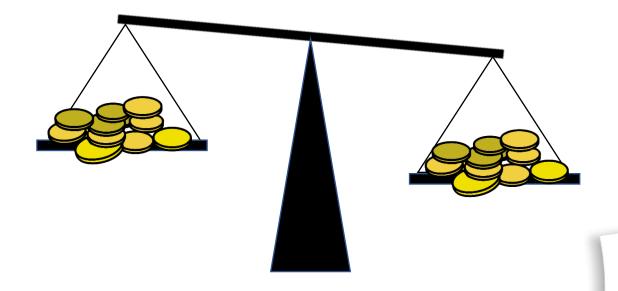




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- \*Cost of Capital
- \*Operating Expenses
- \*Cost of Collateral
- \*Reinsurance

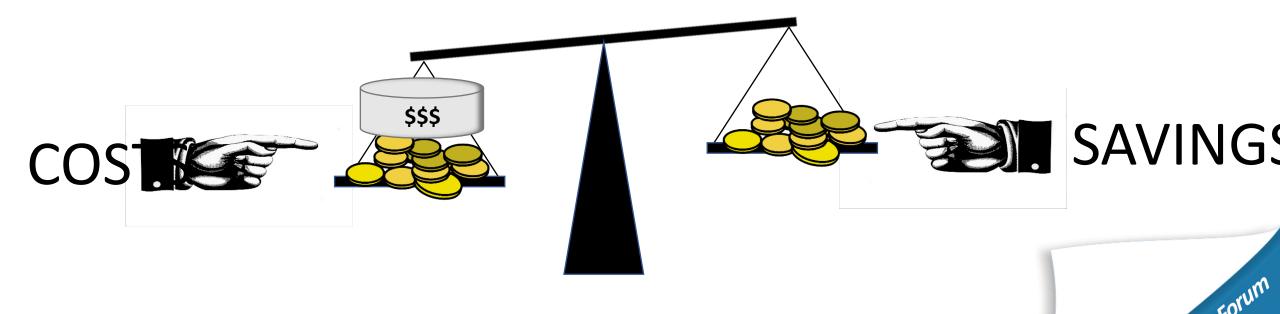






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\*Adverse/Catastrophic Claims Activity





### 2. Reinsurance

"I want access to reinsurance capacity."

### **Example:**

A large healthcare group found reinsurers were

more willing to reinsure a captive

...than excess insurers willing to insure above a SI trust

**Reinsurance!** Where? How much? (Session on Thursday)





### 3. Investment Income

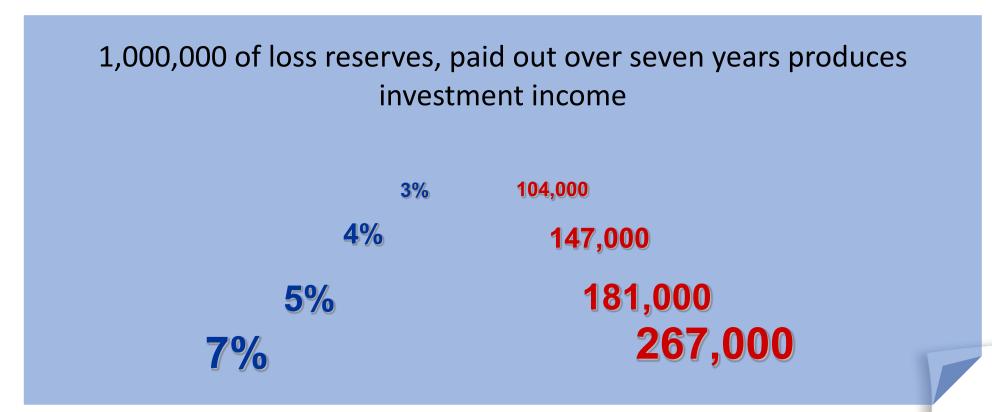


When interest rates are high enough, loss reserves for lines with longer payout patterns generate extra income





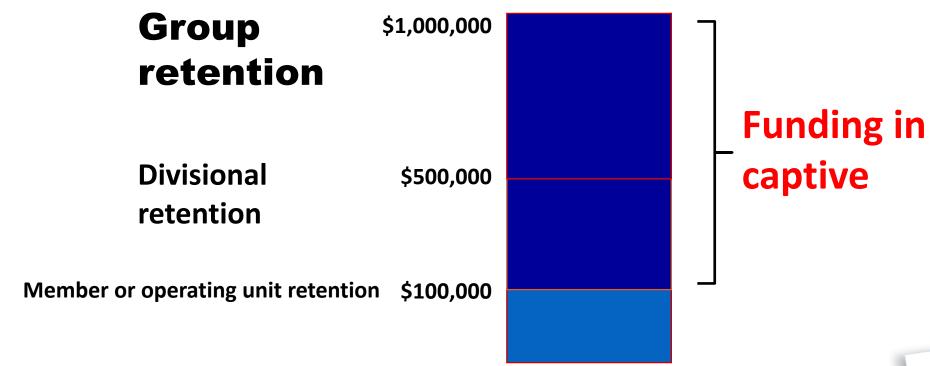
### 3. Investment Income (2)





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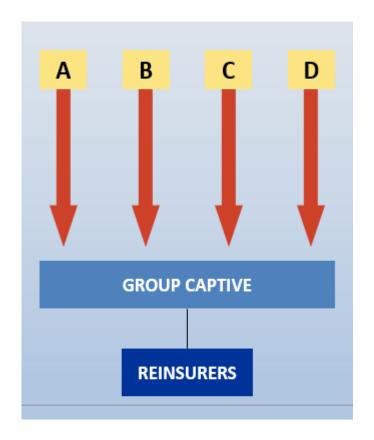
### 4. Administrative Tool







### Group Captive — (reminder)







### 4. Administrative Tool (cont.)

There might be economies of scale in a group captive

All the previous reasons plus ...

The value of shared retentions, shared aggregates, shared services

**Example: Risk Retention Groups (Session on Friday)** 

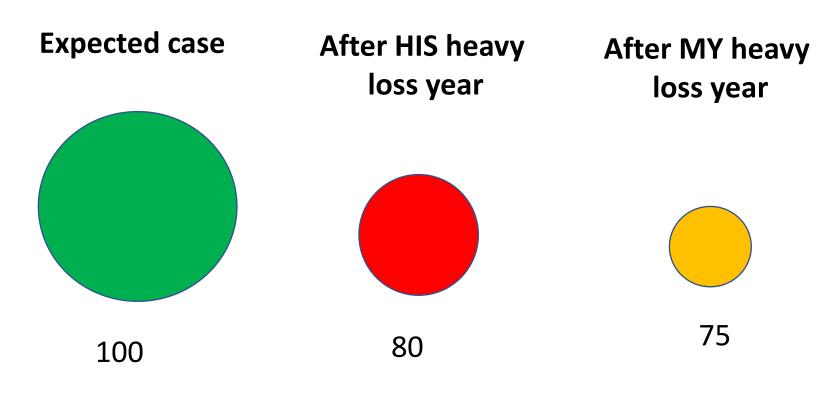
-an "escape from fronting"





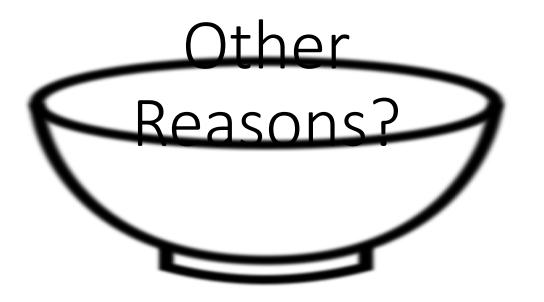
# Risk sharing – obstacle or mutuality

Size of my account....













## Feasibility of a Captive





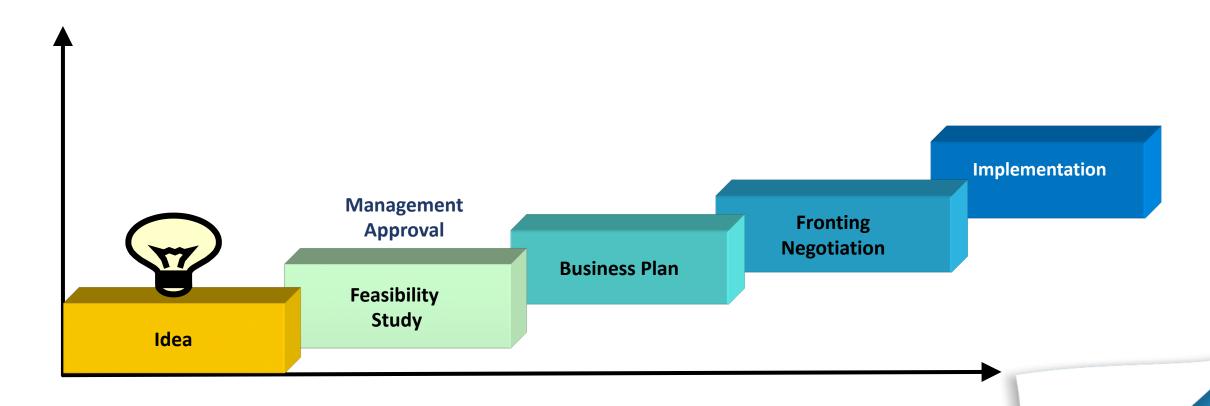


## Feasibility: The Numbers!

Proforma Projections							
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	
Underwriting results	1,156,452	1,252,952	1,186,200	1,251,360	1,542,340	6,389,303	
Investment Income	94,459	<u>151,402</u>	<u>194,286</u>	238,520	286,213	964,880	
Captive net income	1,250,911	1,404,354	1,380,485	1,489,879	1,828,553		
Income tax (if any)							
After-tax income	1,250,911	1,404,354	1,380,485	1,489,879	1,828,553	7,354,183	



### Start up Captives: The Timeline





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### Captives: The Big Issues

Fronting – what, why, how (in 2018)

Domicile and regulation

Captive management

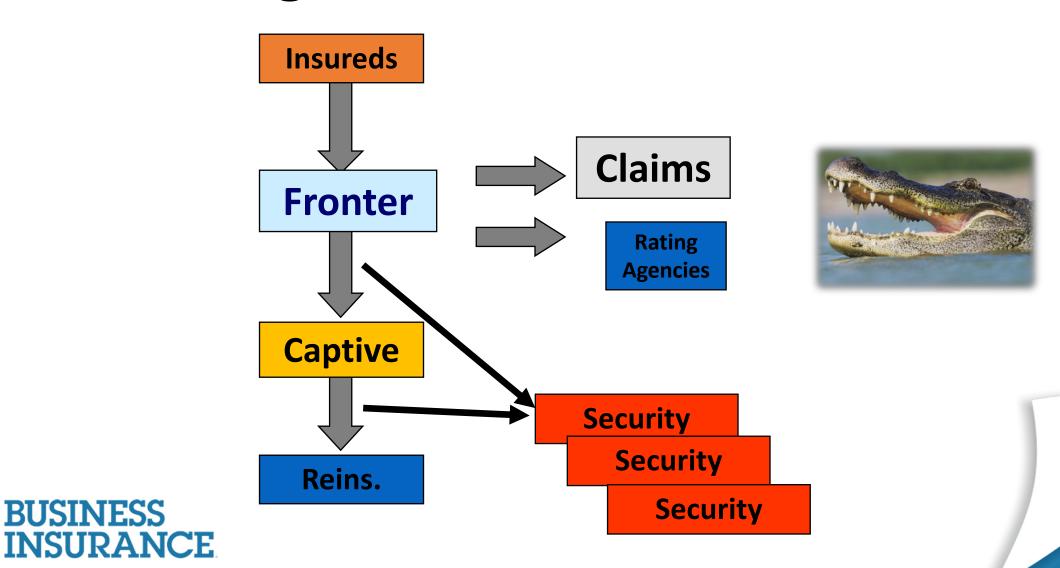
....Tax factors



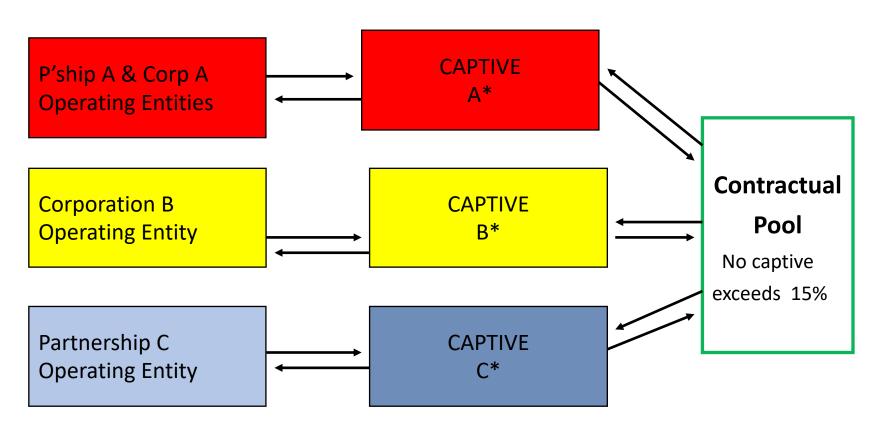


## Fronting: 2018 Problem #1

**BUSINESS** 



# Other issues: Pooling



Source: Chaz Lavelle Bingham Greenebaum Doll





### Captive Domiciles

Onshore – offshore: the major factors in 2018

#### Perception

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Regulation (..and FATCA – a non-issue for captives)

Accessibility (....also of the regulator!)

Tax factors (onshore, offshore, self-proc.)

... Costs
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## Captive by Domicile / Number

2017 the top nine (out of 70!)		
Bermuda	776	
Cayman	711	
Vermont	593	
Utah	462	
Delaware	385	(1108)
Guernsey Anguilla	321 287 e	
Barbados Luxembourg	246 208	

Top 10 = 2/3 of total. US domiciles = 1/3 of all captives





#### Domicile Selection

Onshore? Offshore?

Capitalization and surplus requirements

Receptiveness, stability of regulatory environment

Quality of local infrastructure

Availability of expertise

Costs





#### Domicile Selection

Onshore? Offshore?

Investments: flexibility

Other captives like us domiciled there?

Experience in our business?

Tax issues: US Federal, State

self-procurement, premium taxes





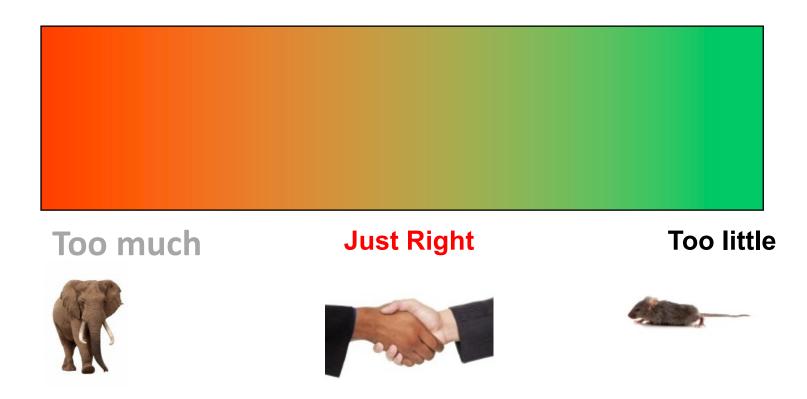
# Regulation







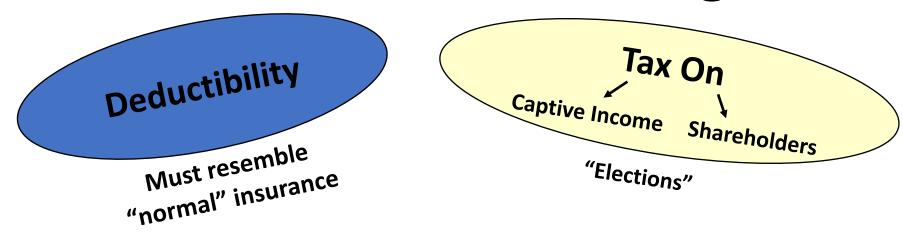
# Regulation Differences







# Tax Factors: The three things



#### **Premium Taxes**

- State
- Federal Excise
- Self-Procurement

#### And...

Offshore/onshore "non-profits" 831-b small ones



#### Tax Factors - Deductibility

Must demonstrate

Risk shifting

Risk distribution

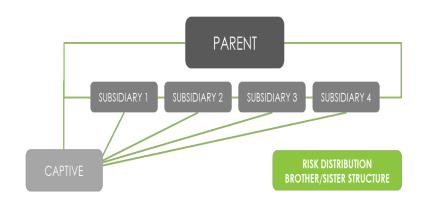
Business purpose

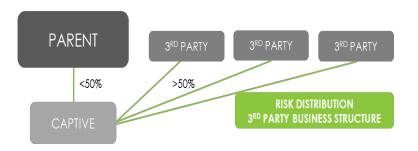
Attributes similar to the existing marketplace





# Deductibility – Two examples









#### Taxation — Current Issues

831b structures : use and abuse, IRS "attacking"

More intrusive activity for offshore

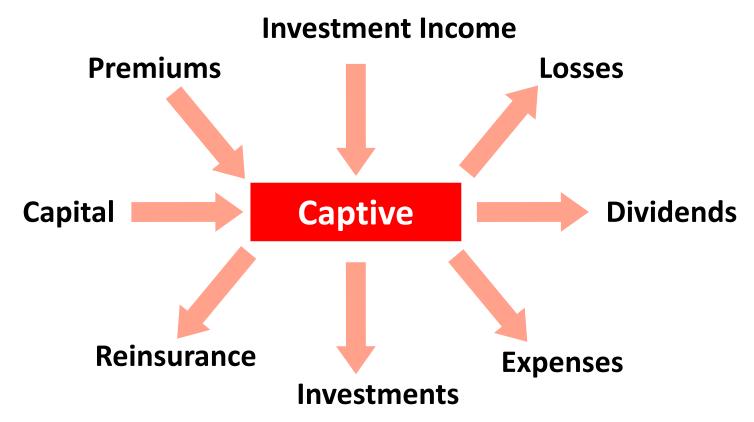
Example: FATCA

Other issues (Come to the round table!)





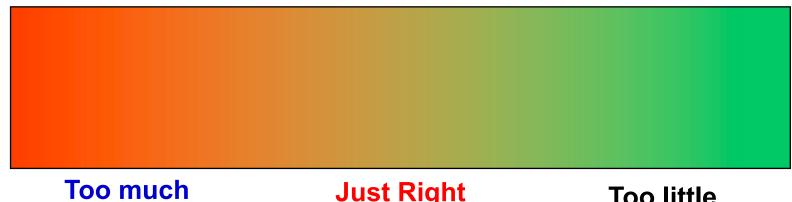
#### Captive Cash Flows: How It Works







# Management Matters





**Too little** 







#### Unrelated business?

*Necessary, profitable, dangerous?* 



Your own (employee benefits)

Controlled unaffiliated





# Employee Benefits in Captives 2017

Estimated Number of Programs

Pensions		3	
Pension longevity		5	
Retiree Medical		11	
US Life and Disability		40	
International EB		90	
Medical Stoploss	<u> </u>	500(e)	
Estimated total number		650	



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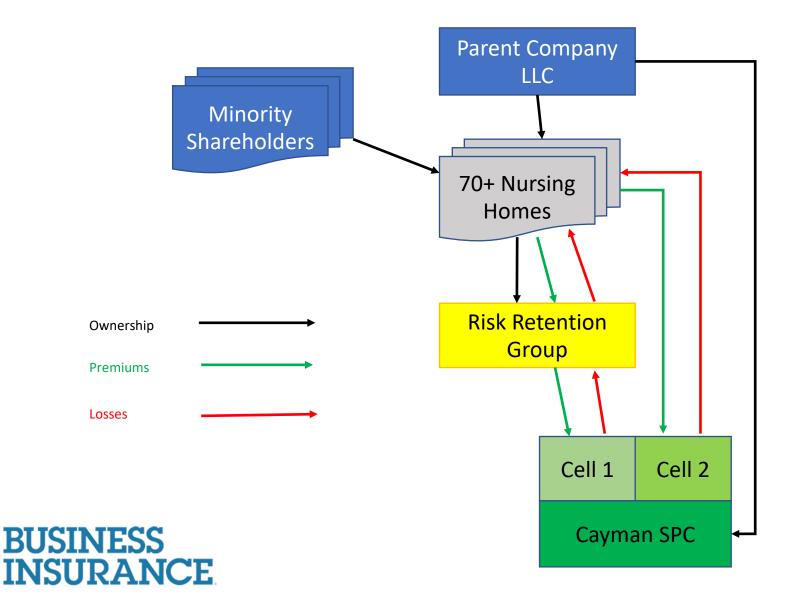
## What are the savings?

Coverage	Savings Range*	
Retiree medical	7% – 10%+ of the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation	
Long-term disability	15% – 25% of commercial insurance     On self-insurance, accelerated deduction of claims cost and tax-effective investment accumulation on reserves	
Term life insurance	• 10% – 15% of commercial insurance	
Multinational pooling	• 10% – 15% of the pooled premium	
Active medical	First year only, incurred but not yet paid     After first year, medical trend	
Multinational pooling	• 10% – 15% of the pooled premium	
Active medical stop loss	• 10% – 12% of the cost of stop loss	





# Case Study – Nursing Homes





#### Financial Keys to Captive Financial Success

- The right initial capital (how much, what form?)
- Surplus accumulation
- The right investments (by whom?)
- Return on capital (what capital?)



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#### Operational Keys to Captive Financial Success







The right rates (who sets them?)

Low expenses (what expenses?)

The right loss estimates (actuaries!)

Reinsurance protection that works



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#### Two more keys to Captive Success

→ Long-term dedication

Risk management

(of the captive's risks!)





## Our Time-tested slogan





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