

**Acknowledgment and Acceptance of Risk**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. While BNI has taken the appropriate steps to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 being transmitted at the BNI Chapter Meeting, BNI cannot prevent anyone from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 as a result of attending a BNI Chapter Meeting. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if I choose to attend the BNI Chapter Meeting I may be exposing myself to and/or increasing my risk of contracting and/or spreading COVID-19.

Accordingly, I acknowledge that it is my personal and voluntary decision to return to in-person meetings at my Chapter rather than utilizing BNI online as an alternative method of attending the Chapter Meeting. I acknowledge that I understand and freely assume any and all risks of returning to in-person meetings. I further acknowledge that I am not symptomatic for COVID-19, and to the extent that I have been tested for COVID-19, I did not test positive for the virus. Furthermore, I am not considered a high-risk person to contract and have complications from the COVID-19 disease. Moreover, if at any time I become symptomatic for COVID-19 I will immediately notify my Chapter President to enable my Chapter to participate in any contact-tracing that the local jurisdiction may require. I will discontinue attending in-person meetings at my Chapter for at least 14 days after a self-imposed quarantine. In order to attend these in-person meetings I will follow and comply with all directives that the Chapter President may require including, but not limited to wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing of at least 6ft from any other Chapter attendee or participant. I further acknowledge that it is my responsibility to review and comply with any government, state, or local directives, CDC advisories, warnings, or any other information regarding COVID-19 and which are directed to individuals. Based on those guidelines I freely assume any and all risks which may accompany those guidelines and/or directives.

**Waiver, Release, and Hold Harmless.** In consideration for being permitted to attend in-person BNI Chapter meetings, I do hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against Triangle BNI, the BNI Chapter, BNI Global, LLC and its affiliates, together with all of their respective present and former officers, employees, members, directors, agents, servants, representatives, parents, subsidiaries, franchisees, successors, and assigns ("BNI"), in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to my attendance at any BNI Chapter meeting. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claims including for personal injuries, death, disease, or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claim I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

This Waiver, Release, and Hold Harmless shall be binding upon my survivors, heirs, successors, and assigns. I understand and agree that this Waiver, Release, and Hold Harmless is a release of liability and I sign it on my own free will.

CHOICE OF LAW: I understand and agree that the law of the State of North Carolina will apply to this Release.

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name