Covid-19 Waiver and Release of Liability

The 2021 CII Fall conference will be held in-person at the Westin Chicago Riverfront from September 22-24, 2021 and will include a livestream of the plenary sessions for members who cannot attend. CII will adhere to and may exceed current CDC recommendations and Chicago's current local guidelines pertaining to Covid-19. The following rules apply:

- All attendees must show proof of completed vaccination at registration to pick up their badges and attend conference events.
- Masks will be required for all indoor CII conference events.
- Meals will be planned closer to the conference date with particular focus on the safety of all attendees.
- There is currently no cap on the total number of people who may attend the conference.
- Meeting rooms will be set in ways to maximize personal space (for example, five people at round tables rather than 10).
- Attendees must complete the waiver and release of liability below, signaling their understanding and agreement to these Covid-19 requirements at the time of registration and possibly again, prior to the start of the conference.

Please note that these guidelines may change as the conference date approaches, based on changes to local and CDC guidelines. Please always refer to the CDC Covid-19 website as well as Chicago’s Covid-19 website for the most up-to-date information.

COVID-19 SAFETY INFORMATION While participating in the 2021 CII Fall Conference, (“Event”), held or sponsored by the Council of Institutional Investors Inc., (“CII”): (1) only fully vaccinated individuals are permitted to attend and; 2) all attendees are required to wear masks and practice social distancing to reduce the risks of exposure to Covid-19, pursuant to Chicago’s current local Covid-19 guidelines. Because Covid-19 is extremely contagious and is spread mainly from person-to-person contact, CII has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of Covid-19. However, CII cannot guarantee that Event participants, or others in attendance will not become infected with Covid-19. In light of the ongoing spread of Covid-19, individuals who fall within any of the categories below should not engage in CII events and/or other face to face contact. By attending the Event, you certify that you do not fall into any of the following categories:

1. Individuals who currently or within the past fourteen (14) days have experienced any symptoms associated with Covid-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath among others;

2. Individuals who have traveled at any point in the past fourteen (14) days either internationally or to a community in the U.S. that has experienced or is experiencing sustained community spread of Covid-19; or

3. Individuals who believe that they may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of Covid-19 or have been diagnosed with Covid-19 and are not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities or the health care team responsible for their treatment.
DUTY TO SELF-MONITOR Participants agree to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of Covid-19 (symptoms typically include fever, cough, and shortness of breath) and contact CII at Marie@cii.org if they experience symptoms of Covid-19 within 14 days after participating at the Event.

MEDICAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT I acknowledge the health risks associated with the activity of participating at the Event, including but not limited to transient dizziness, lightheaded, fainting, nausea, muscle cramping, musculoskeletal injury, joint pains, sprains and strains, heart attack, stroke, or sudden death. I agree that if I experience any of these or any other symptoms during the Event, I will discontinue my participation immediately and seek appropriate medical attention.

ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK I acknowledge and understand the following:

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to Covid-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist;
2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as Covid-19, even if arising from the negligence or fault of the Released Parties; and
3. I hereby knowingly assume the risk of injury, harm and loss associated with the Event, including any injury, harm and loss caused by the negligence, fault or conduct of any kind on the part of the Released Parties as defined below.

RELEASE AND WAIVER I HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF WHATEVER KIND OR NATURE AGAINST THE COUNCIL OF INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS AND ITS AFFILIATES AND SPONSORS, INCLUDING IN EACH CASE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THEIR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS (THE “RELEASED PARTIES”), EITHER IN LAW OR IN EQUITY, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DAMAGES OR LOSSES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, FAULT OR CONDUCT OF ANY KIND ON THE PART OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEATH, BODILY INJURY, ILLNESS, ECONOMIC LOSS OR OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, WHICH I, MY HEIRS, ASSIGNEES, NEXT OF KIN AND/OR LEGALLY APPOINTED OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES, MAY HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER ACCRUE ON MY BEHALF, WHICH ARISE OR MAY HEREAFTER ARISE FROM MY PARTICIPATION AT THE EVENT.

By clicking the button below, I acknowledge and agree that I understand the contagious nature of Covid-19, and I voluntarily assume the risk that I, my children, or anyone for whose health I may be responsible may become infected, exposed, or otherwise contract Covid-19 as a result of participating at the Event. I fully understand the terms and understand that I have given up certain rights by registering for this event and do so freely and voluntarily.