

Waiver of Liability and Release of Claims Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is spread from person-to-person contact. People can be infected and show no symptoms and therefore spread the disease. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death.

William Blair & Company, L.L.C., its parent and their affiliates and subsidiaries (collectively, “William Blair”) cannot prevent you from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while utilizing William Blair’s premises or attending events hosted by William Blair at non-William Blair premises (“William Blair Events”). It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to enter onto William Blair’s premises or attend a William Blair Event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I have read and understand the above warning concerning COVID-19. I hereby choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 for myself in order to enter William Blair’s premises or attend a William Blair Event. Attending in person is of such value to me that I accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 in order to enter William Blair’s premises or attend a William Blair Event.

WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY: I hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against William Blair and its owners, officers, directors, managers, officials, trustees, agents, employees, or other representatives in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to utilizing William Blair’s premises and/or attending a William Blair Event. 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.

CHOICE OF LAW: I understand and agree that the law of the State of Illinois will apply to this contract.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

By registering for the event I accept this agreement.