

W. R. Berkley Corporation Appoints James P. Bronner Senior Vice President

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GREENWICH, Conn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **W. R. Berkley Corporation (NYSE:WRB)** today announced that James P. Bronner has been appointed senior vice president. Mr. Bronner will oversee certain of the Company's international insurance operations. The appointment is effective immediately.

Mr. Bronner has over 30 years of experience in the global property casualty insurance industry. Most recently, he managed a variety of international operating activities for another leading insurance group. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Manhattan College.

William R. Berkley, executive chairman of W. R. Berkley Corporation, commented on the appointment, "We are pleased to add Jim's senior management capabilities to our corporate team as he assumes the oversight of these international insurance operations. With his extensive experience in developing and managing significant books of business in growing foreign insurance markets, Jim will add critical knowledge to the process of evaluating opportunities."

Founded in 1967, W. R. Berkley Corporation is an insurance holding company that is among the largest commercial lines writers in the United States and operates in three segments of the property casualty insurance business: Insurance-Domestic, Insurance-International and Reinsurance-Global.

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