



W. R. Berkley Corporation Names Emily J. Urban President of Berkley Life Sciences

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Jill E. Wadlund Appointed Non-Executive Vice-Chairman

GREENWICH, Conn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **W. R. Berkley Corporation (NYSE: WRB)** today announced the appointment of Emily J. Urban as president of Berkley Life Sciences, a Berkley Company. Ms. Urban succeeds Jill E. Wadlund, who has been named non-executive vice-chairman of Berkley Life Sciences. The appointments are effective immediately.

Ms. Urban joined Berkley Life Sciences as a senior vice president and chief underwriting officer when the company was formed in 2007 and was named executive vice president and global field officer in 2009. She has been in the property casualty insurance industry for nearly 30 years, with significant experience in leadership, underwriting and distribution management. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia University and a Juris Doctorate from Suffolk University Law School.

Ms. Wadlund joined Berkley as president of Berkley Life Sciences when it was formed in 2007 and has over 30 years of experience in the property casualty insurance industry, nearly 25 of which have been focused specifically in the life sciences area. In her role as non-executive vice chairman, she will remain a resource through transition to Ms. Urban.

Commenting on the appointments, W. Robert Berkley, Jr., president and chief executive officer of W. R. Berkley Corporation, said, "Jill has done an outstanding job building Berkley Life Sciences into a leading provider of property casualty insurance products to the life sciences industry on a global basis. Emily has been part of that success from the start. We are pleased to be able to draw upon the depth of talent within the operating unit to have an executive with her institutional knowledge take over in what we expect to be a seamless transition. Jill and Emily have both made important contributions to our organization and we look forward to their continued success in their new



roles.”

Berkley Life Sciences offers a comprehensive spectrum of property casualty insurance products to the life sciences industry on a global basis, including primary and excess liability coverage and commercial insurance. It serves pharmaceutical and biologic/biotech companies, medical device companies, dietary supplement manufacturers, medical and research software developers, contract service organizations, research institutions and organizations, and other related businesses. For further information about Berkley Life Sciences and the products and services it offers, please visit www.berkleys.com.

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 worldwide in two segments of the property casualty insurance business: Insurance and Reinsurance. For further information about W. R. Berkley Corporation, please visit www.wrberkley.com.

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