



W. R. Berkley Corporation Appoints David J. LeBlanc President of Acadia Insurance

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Douglas M. Nelson Appointed Chairman

GREENWICH, Conn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **W. R. Berkley Corporation (NYSE: WRB)** today announced the appointment of David J. LeBlanc as president of Acadia Insurance, a Berkley Company. He succeeds Douglas M. Nelson, who has been appointed chairman of Acadia Insurance. The appointments are effective immediately.

Mr. LeBlanc has over 35 years of experience in the property casualty insurance business. He joined Acadia in 2006 and most recently served as its chief operating officer and chief underwriting officer. Mr. LeBlanc holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and is a Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU).

Mr. Nelson joined Acadia as president in 2011 and has been instrumental in advancing the operating unit's leadership position in commercial lines insurance in the Northeast region. He will continue to support Mr. LeBlanc and the Acadia team throughout the transition. Over time, he will support other Berkley initiatives and activities.

Commenting on the appointment, W. Robert Berkley, Jr., president and chief executive officer of W. R. Berkley Corporation, said, "We thank Doug for his work in advancing our terrific franchise at Acadia. We are delighted that he will continue to share his considerable talents with the teams at Acadia and Berkley more broadly. Dave is a proven leader and his appointment provides continuity to the many important initiatives Acadia has underway, as well as its various stakeholders. In addition, his expertise in commercial lines insurance and deep appreciation for the needs of the Northeast region will continue to be a tremendous asset as he takes Acadia to the next level in this improving market. We are fortunate to have the depth in our leadership team to be able to effect such a seamless transition and continue our great work in this region."

Acadia Insurance is a regional property casualty underwriter that offers a broad portfolio of products and services to businesses located throughout the Northeast. Working with a network of local independent insurance agents in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont, Acadia offers targeted insurance solutions and claims expertise to business customers in many different industries. For additional information about Acadia Insurance and the products and services it offers, please visit www.acadiainsurance.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 & Monoline Excess. For further information about W. R. Berkley Corporation, please visit www.berkley.com.

Products and services are provided by W. R. Berkley Corporation's subsidiaries and "operating units". Operating units are not typically legal entities, but for marketing purposes may sometimes be referred to individually as "a Berkley company" or collectively as "Berkley companies".

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