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Markel Wholesale Announces Three Executive Promotions

Richmond, VA, July 25 — Markel is pleased to announce the promotions of three of its executive team members.

Jeff Lamb will join the Product Line Leader team as Executive Underwriting Officer to oversee wholesale underwriting. In his new role, Jeff will work with co-Executive Underwriting Officers, Robin Russo and Nathan Warde to ensure Markel Underwriters are fully equipped regarding risk appetite, appropriate authority, and new products.

In 2008, Jeff helped develop and open the Markel Mid South office in Dallas, TX which was the prototype office for the One Markel regional structure. He has served as the Managing Director, Production and Underwriting for that office since its inception. Prior to working in Dallas, Jeff worked for the former Markel Underwriting Managers office in Red Bank, NJ (now Markel Northeast). Jeff will relocate to Markel's headquarters in Richmond, VA in August.

Wendy Houser will return to the Markel Mid South regional office as the Managing Director, Production and Underwriting where she will lead the underwriting and marketing efforts within the region. Wendy previously worked with the Mid South office as Director of Marketing and worked alongside Greg Rubel and Jeff Lamb to open the Mid South office. In September 2010, Wendy relocated to the Richmond office to head the Wholesale Marketing Department, where she was subsequently promoted to Managing Director, Wholesale Marketing.

Evans Nash has been named Managing Director of the Wholesale Marketing Department. Evans has been with Markel for 17 years and has over 26 years of broad underwriting experience in all lines of business. For the past three years, Evans has worked within Markel's Product Line Leadership group as Managing Director of Binding P&C, as well as assumed responsibility for auto physical damage, truck broker liability, and binding inland marine products.

In his role in Wholesale Marketing, Evans will oversee the wholesale Corporate Account Executive program and all wholesale-related marketing, advertising, and communication efforts. He will be an integral part of our wholesale senior management team and will coordinate activities with corporate marketing to ensure we are consistent with advertising standards and other activities elsewhere in the company.

"I'm excited to share these leadership changes within Markel," said president of Markel's wholesale division, John Latham. "Jeff, Wendy, and Evans are great additions to their new teams and will remain great assets to our producers, as well."

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