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Markel promotes Brian Gray to Regional President, West Region, in Markel's Wholesale division

Richmond, Virginia, October 27, 2016 — Markel Corporation (NYSE: MKL) announced today that Brian Gray has been promoted to Regional President, West Region, in Markel's Wholesale division. Gray now reports to Bryan Sanders, President of Markel Wholesale. Markel's West Region serves wholesale brokers from offices located in Woodland Hills, California; San Francisco, California; and Scottsdale, Arizona.

Most recently Gray served as Senior Director of Underwriting and Production as part of Markel Wholesale's Midwest Region leadership team in Chicago. He joined Markel in 2003 and has held a variety of underwriting, management, and leadership roles.

"Brian has done a great job working with our production partners in the Midwest and building a service team to support our customers after the sale. He has extensive knowledge across our product lines and has been a champion for pursuing new and interesting underwriting opportunities," said Sanders. "I know that he will continue to lead with the same energy and enthusiasm in the West Region."

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