



## **SKYWARD SPECIALTY INSURANCE GROUP HIRES 9 IN SUPPORT OF MAJOR INVESTMENT IN PROFESSIONAL AND MANAGEMENT LIABILITY**

**Houston, TX – August 10, 2021** – Today, Skyward Specialty Insurance Group, Inc. (Skyward Specialty or the Company) announced a significant expansion of its Professional Liability and Management Liability lines of business with the addition of several experienced and highly-respected underwriters and new regional teams in the Midwest and Southeast. In addition, the Company has added an esteemed claims executive to oversee claims for these rapidly growing businesses.

Key to the expansion of the Professional Liability business is the addition of Jim Mormile to lead the business. Mr. Mormile is joining the Company with more than 19 years of experience in Professional Liability, including, as Senior Vice President of QBE North America, Vice President at Chubb, and Assistant Vice President at AIG. In addition to Mr. Mormile, Skyward Specialty has hired Jerome Wilson, previously of QBE North America, to expand the Company's geographic presence with the launch of the new Southeastern Region. Joining Mr. Wilson in the new Southeastern Region are Amy Long and Kathryn Fuchs, who together with Mr. Wilson, have nearly 50 years of professional liability underwriting and business experience.

In the Northeast and Midwest, current Managing Director of Professional Liability, Lisa McCarney, will lead expanded Professional Liability teams in both regions. Mari Morahan and Jung Lee-Stouffer, previously with Markel, will strengthen the Company's presence in the Midwest and Northeast, respectively. The addition of these two talented underwriters brings another 40 plus years of extraordinary experience to Skyward Specialty.

Additionally, Michael Abdulahad, recently promoted to Senior Vice President overseeing Management Liability and Financial Institutions, has led a further push into the Midwest region. The Company has added Matt Ruge and Shane Elliot, most recently of QBE North America, who join an already experienced and well-established Midwest Directors & Officers Liability team.

"With the addition of this top-tier talent, Skyward Specialty is clearly ready to assume the mantle as a premier market in Professional and Management Liability insurance," noted John Burkhart, President of Specialty Lines at the Company. "We are excited to bring the deep expertise and experience of Jim, Jerome, Amy, Kathryn, Mari, Jung, Matt and Shane together with the A+ underwriting talent we have already assembled to further the excellent service capabilities, knowledge, and solution innovation that our customers and distribution partners have come to expect from our organization."

Finally, in support of the expansion of the Professional and Management Liability lines of business, Skyward Specialty has hired Anita Rogers as Senior Vice President of Specialty Claims. Ms. Rogers joins the Company from James River Insurance Company, where she spent the last eight years, most recently as Vice President of Claims overseeing all E&S claims.

“Anita is a fantastic addition to an already extraordinary claims leadership team” stated Sean Duffy, Chief Claims Officer for the Company. “With her vast and broad knowledge and experience, she will help us support not only our expanded Professional and Management Liability segments, but also our other claims-made and E&S businesses. Our customers and insureds deserve and expect superior claims management and Anita will, no doubt, help us continue to evolve our exceptional claims services.”

### **About Skyward Specialty**

Skyward Specialty is a property and casualty insurance holding company with nearly a billion dollars in premium and \$2BN in assets. The company has highly respected businesses in specialty lines including management and professional liability, healthcare professional liability, medical stop loss, surety, E&S property and liability, large commercial property, programs, as well as multi-line solutions for the energy, trucking, and construction industries.

Skyward Specialty’s subsidiary insurance companies consist of Houston Specialty Insurance Company; Imperium Insurance Company; Great Midwest Insurance Company; Oklahoma Specialty Insurance Company; and Boston Indemnity Company, Inc. These insurance companies are rated A- (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company. Skyward Specialty was formerly known as Houston International Insurance Group (HIIG). For more information about Skyward Specialty, its people, and products, please visit [www.skywardinsurance.com](http://www.skywardinsurance.com).

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