



W. R. Berkley Corporation Announces Executive Appointment

Christopher C. Brown Named President of Berkley Accident and Health, LLC

GREENWICH, Conn., Jun 16, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- **W. R. Berkley Corporation (NYSE: WRB)** today named Christopher C. Brown president of Berkley Accident and Health, LLC. He succeeds Don Gasparro, who will assume the role of chief operating officer.

Berkley Accident and Health provides an innovative portfolio of accident and health insurance products. Its insurance and reinsurance product portfolio is segmented into two divisions, Healthcare and Specialty Accident.

Mr. Brown has more than 30 years of insurance industry experience, having served most recently as vice president, stop loss product center, for a large, international insurer. Mr. Brown earned a B.A. in Economics from Hartwick College and an M.B.A. from Clark University.

In announcing the appointment, William R. Berkley, chairman and chief executive officer, said: "We are delighted to welcome Chris to W. R. Berkley Corporation. I am confident that his demonstrated leadership, superb market reputation and extensive experience in sales, marketing and product development will be significant factors in driving Berkley Accident and Health's future growth and profitability."

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 in five segments of the property casualty insurance business: specialty insurance, regional property casualty insurance, alternative markets, reinsurance and international.

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