# From SIIA Members

## **2017 APRIL MEMBER NEWS**

## SIIA Diamond, Gold & Silver **Member News**

SIIA Diamond, Gold, and Silver member companies are leaders in the selfinsurance/captive insurance marketplace. Provided below are news highlights from these upgraded members. News items should be submitted to Wrenne Bartlett at wbartlett@siia.org. All submissions are subject to editing for brevity. Information about upgraded memberships can be accessed online at www.siia.org. For immediate assistance, please contact Jennifer Ivy at jivy@siia.org. If you would like to learn more about the benefits of SIIA's premium memberships, please contact Jennifer Ivy and jivy@siia.org.



## **Diamond Members**

## The Phia Group Announces Strategic Alliance with Specialty Care Management

The Phia Group, LLC, the premier source of health benefit plan consultative services, plan document drafting, subrogation and cost containment services, announced that it has formally developed a strategic alliance Specialty Care Management. Headquartered in Lahaska, PA, Specialty Care Management ("SCM") is a premier source of innovative catastrophic claim cost containment services, with a cutting edge approach to dealing with the ever rising cost of renal disease and dialysis. This strategic alliance keeps SCM on the cutting edge; emphasizing the management of catastrophic claims with a special focus on dialysis care, and combating excessive treatment and billing presently associated with it.

"Our joint venture with The Phia Group allows SCM to expand and enhance the array of services we already provide with an eye toward developing unique programs to further cost containment," explains Rick Garrison, CEO of SCM. "This alliance adds a new dimension to SCM's business and gives us the opportunity to offer even more robust cost containment strategies."

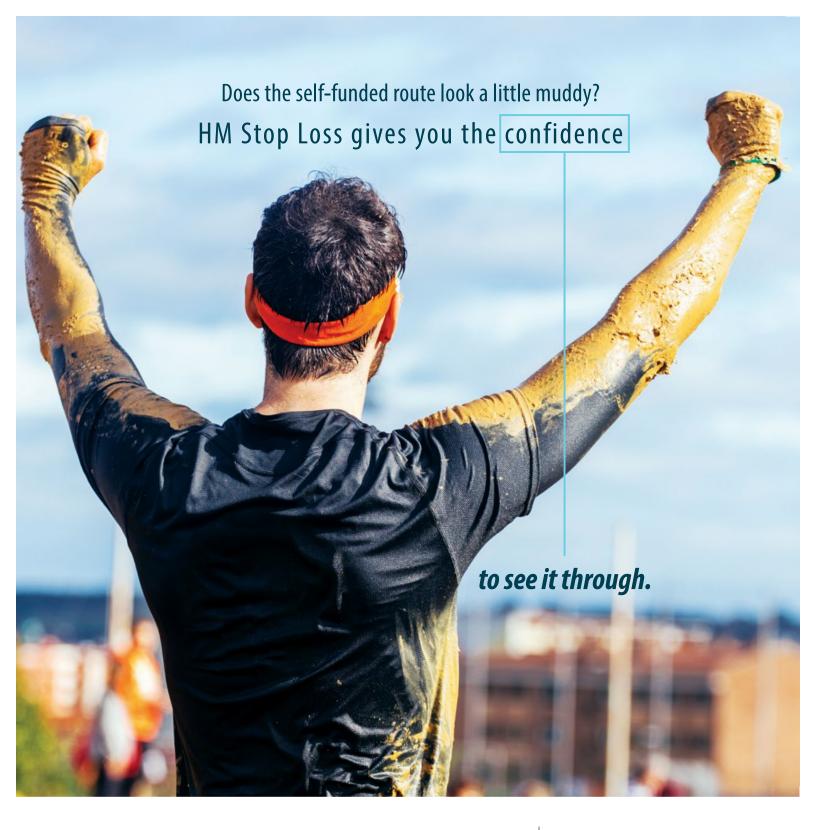
For more information about The Phia Group, please contact The Phia Group's Sales Executive, Garrick Hunt, at 781-535-5644 or Info@PhiaGroup.com.

With The Phia Group, SCM will now offer a Renal Claims Defense program, eliminating exposure to legal risks associated with renal dialysis claim analysis, repricing, and cost containment. Both The Phia Group and SCM have proven records of innovation and performance, and are excited to bring forth new programs and strengthen existing ones.

"The Phia Group is pleased to work with Specialty Care Management," remarked Ron E. Peck, The Phia Group's Senior Vice President and General Counsel, "because SCM appreciates the importance of powerful plan document language, and they understand the need to operate in accordance with those terms. They have worked with us to prepare a potent defense strategy - protecting both benefit plans and participants."

For more information about Specialty Care Management LLC, please contact Rick Garrison at 267-544-0365 or email at marketing@specialtycarecm.com.





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## Berkley Accident and Health Announces Reorganization and Promotions to Better Serve Self-Funded Market

Berkley Accident and Health, a W. R. Berkley Company®, announced several organizational changes and promotions that will better align its Medical Stop Loss and Group Captive operations with external customer and market needs.

Jim Hoitt, formerly Vice President of Sales, has been named Senior Vice President of the Captive segment. In his new role, Hoitt will lead the sales, underwriting, and account management efforts for the company's rapidly growing Medical Stop Loss Group Captive solution. Reporting to him are Scott Byrne, Jeff Kandzer, and Shawn Lanter, who all have been promoted to Vice President of Business Development.

Lee Davidson, formerly Senior Vice President of Product Management and Development, has been named Senior Vice President of the Stop Loss segment. In addition to his current duties, Lee will assume responsibility for sales, underwriting, and account management for Traditional Stop Loss distributed through regional producers.

"These changes align our internal operations with external markets, giving each business segment a clear line of sight directly to customers and their needs,"

said Christopher Brown, President and CEO of Berkley Accident and Health.

"It also positions us well for continued growth. Each business segment can now adapt to changing market needs with greater speed and flexibility," explained Brown.



Previously, the Stop Loss and Captive areas were organized functionally, with senior leadership spanning across different business segments.

There are no changes to Berkley's Centralized Stop Loss segment, which distributes Stop Loss through arrangements with institutional producers.

## About Berkley Accident and Health

Berkley Accident and Health is a member company of W. R. Berkley Corporation, a Fortune 500 company. Berkley Accident and Health provides an innovative portfolio of accident and health insurance products. It offers four categories of products: Employer Stop Loss, Group Captive, Managed Care (including HMO Reinsurance and Provider Excess), and Specialty Accident. The company underwrites Stop Loss coverage through Berkley Life and Health Insurance Company, rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best. For more information, please visit BerkleyAH.com or BenefitsCaptives.com.

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## Strategic Risk Solutions Earns 97 Percent Satisfaction Rating

Strategic Risk Solutions (SRS), a provider of captive management and consulting services, announced today the results of its annual customer survey. In 2016, 97 percent of customers responded that they were "highly satisfied" with SRS's services. This builds off the company's previously excellent ratings, raising them to a three-year high.

"Maintaining the trust and confidence of our clients by delivering high quality captive services is the essence of SRS," said Brady Young, President of Strategic Risk Solutions. "SRS and the captive market generally were very active in 2016. To be able to improve our customer satisfaction ratings in that fast-paced environment is particularly pleasing," he added.

Key areas where the highest scores were attained include captive consulting, the quality, accuracy and timeliness of financial reporting and the overall responsiveness of staff. For copies of the survey results, please contact Andrew Berry at andrew.berry@strategicrisks. com or (781)672-3454.

## Polsinelli's New York Office Adds Two Veteran Finance Lawyers

Polsinelli, an Am Law 100 firm with offices in 20 cities across the U.S., announced today two highly-experienced finance attorneys joined its New York office.

Barry Biggar and Stephen Rutenberg have joined the firm's national Capital Markets and Commercial Lending group. The new additions are the latest in a significant growth period for the New York office as Polsinelli continues to add strong talent to its roster, most notably in real estate, financial services and intellectual property.

## About Strategic Risk Solutions (SRS)

SRS is a leading independent captive management firm with representation in all major onshore and offshore domiciles. It provides financial reporting, regulatory compliance and program management services to existing and prospective captive insurance companies. For more information, please contact Strategic Risk Solutions at (781)487-9800 or info@strategicrisks.com.



Biggar joins Polsinelli from Pillsbury Winthrop. For more than 25 years he has represented financial institutions in complex structured debt and tax advantaged financings in both the U.S. domestic and cross-border markets, including extensive experience in the aviation, rail, maritime and manufacturing sectors, as well as nuclear fuel resources.

Biggar has represented creditors in the United Air Lines and Northwest Airlines bankruptcy cases. He earned his Juris Doctor degree, cum laude, from Pace University School of Law, and his bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Manhattan College. Biggar is included in Euromoney's "Guide to the World's Leading Aviation Lawyers" as one of the premier practitioners in North America.

"We are very lucky to have attracted Barry, a true dean of the equipment and aviation finance bar," said Dan

Flanigan, Chair of the firm's Financial Services Department and Managing Partner of the New York office.

Rutenberg joins the firm from Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer, where he counseled hedge funds, private equity firms, and global financial institutions on legal issues relating to the purchase and sale of loans and securities, including those of distressed and bankrupt companies, and on cross-border bankruptcy claims trading-related matters.

"Stephen has a significant and valuable specialty. He adds a whole new dimension to our par and distressed loan and claims trading and bankruptcy practices," Flanigan said.

On Feb. 2, the UIA-Federation of New York, the world's largest local philanthropy, honored Rutenberg with the James H. Fogelson Emerging Leadership Award at the Lawyers Division Annual Event, which brought together more than 600 influential members of New York's legal community. Rutenberg received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School along with a certificate of Management and Policy from the Wharton School. He earned his bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College. In addition to being admitted to the New York bar, Rutenberg is a solicitor in England and is listed as a Rising Star by IFLR 1000.



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Biggar and Rutenberg join the New York office amidst a noteworthy growth period, particularly in the Real Estate and Financial Services and Intellectual Property Departments. Recent additions to the Intellectual Property Department include cybersecurity lawyer Jarno Vanto and patent prosecution attorney Pete Thurlow.

For more information, contact Carrie Trent at ctrent@polsinelli.com.

## **Gold Members**

## Guardian Recognized as a 2017 Top 125 Training Organization by Training Magazine

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America (Guardian), one of the nation's largest mutual life insurers and a leading provider of employee benefits, was recently recognized as one of Training magazine's 2017Top 125 Training Organizations.

This recognition underscores Guardian's focus on its customers and on building and maintaining a strong financial foundation to serve them. Executives in every business division are responsible for developing and training employees and financial professionals by sharing best practices across business lines to ensure these programs are consistent and are state-of-the-art in the industry.

"As a mutual insurance company with a 150-year history of delivering results, Guardian's top priority is serving our clients and policyholders, and that is reflected in everything we do. We are committed to training our professionals so they can exceed the expectations of our customers," stated Kurt Shallow, Senior Vice President, Agency Distribution, Individual Markets. "We focus on creating a destination organization for those interested in a flexible career as a highly skilled professional. Having the right tools and resources in place helps us recruit and retain the right people."



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Articles or guideline inquiries can be submitted to Editor Gretchen Grote at ggrote@sipconline.net

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### About Guardian

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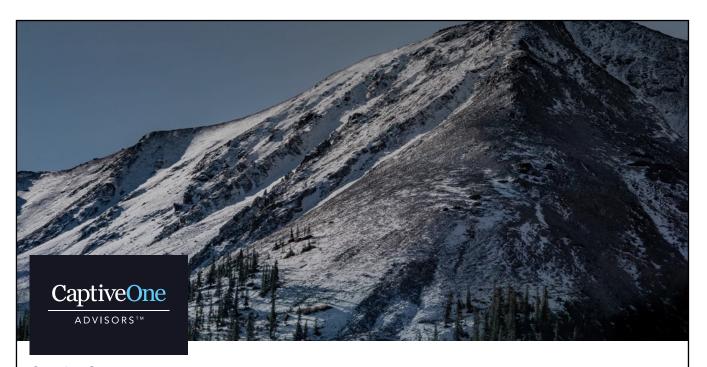
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