

William Kelly named Executive Vice President, Willis Risk Solutions North America

New York - Willis Group is pleased to announce the appointment of William J. Kelly as Executive Vice President & Practice Leader Financial Institutions for Willis Risk Solutions North America, effective immediately. Willis Risk Solutions (WRS) is a globally integrated practice of risk management specialists providing expert advice and support to major corporations and institutions worldwide. As a former President of the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS) and past Chairman of the International Federation of Risk & Insurance Management Associations (IFRIMA), Mr. Kelly will also serve as a liaison with the Risk Management Community.

Garrett Mathieson, President and CEO of Willis Risk Solutions North America, comments, "I am excited about the addition of Bill Kelly to the Willis organization. His many years experience as a financial risk manager qualify him as an expert in this field and his contributions to our industry as a leader, a speaker, and a writer have been consistently outstanding. I look forward to working with him as a key member of the Willis team."

In his most recent position as Managing Director of Global Risk and Insurance Management at J.P. Morgan, beginning in 1985, he was responsible for all corporate exposures, including an extensive portfolio of commercial real estate investment assets and served on numerous key corporate committees. As Director of Insurance and Risk Management at Merrill Lynch from 1981 to 1985, he handled all corporate insurance as well as serving as a member of the Corporate Due Diligence Team for Mergers and Acquisitions.

During a ten-year period between 1975 and 1985, Mr. Kelly created and taught a course in Financial Institution Risk and Insurance Management for the American Institute of Banking.

As a leader in the insurance industry, Mr. Kelly was the President of RIMS, Chairman of IFRIMA, charter board member of the Global Risk Management Institute, director of the Spencer Educational Foundation and chairman of the Insurance Committee of the American Bankers Association.

Mr. Kelly graduated from Fordham College with a BA and from the Fordham University Graduate School of Business with an MBA.

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