

# News Release

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## **EXPERT IN WORKERS' COMP REINSURANCE JOINS WILLIS RE IN SAN FRANCISCO AS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

**New York, NY, July 5, 2005** – Willis Re, the reinsurance unit of Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, strengthening its workers' compensation capabilities, today announces that **Samuel L. Dutcher**, a twenty-three year veteran of reinsurance, has joined Willis Re US in San Francisco as Senior Vice President to assist Susan Fisch, Willis Re's Workers' Compensation Practice Leader, in expanding the practice.

Mr. Dutcher, who has spent the last twelve years working in workers' compensation, is a nationally recognized expert in the field. He joins Willis from Benfield Inc, where he was Senior Vice President responsible for advising on national and regional workers' compensation reinsurance placements. In his new capacity, he will be responsible for identifying new business opportunities and working closely with the practice leadership on strategic initiatives.

"We are very excited about this important addition to the Workers' Compensation Practice. Sam is well known for his technical acumen and highly respected for his professionalism and industry knowledge," commented Susan Fisch. "I look forward to working with Sam and bringing his expertise to bear in the service of our clients."

"The addition of Sam to the workers' compensation team reinforces our commitment to expanding what has become a well established practice," said Peter Hearn, CEO of Willis Re US.

Mr. Dutcher was with Benfield (and its predecessor companies) from 1982, where he began as an internal auditor and went on to facultative reinsurance account management, becoming a reinsurance broker in 1990. He began his career on the audit staff of Arthur Andersen & Co. in 1979.

Mr. Dutcher graduated Cum Laude in Accounting from Western Michigan University and is a CPA. He holds the ARe designation and is an Associate in Insurance Accounting and Finance (AIAF).

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