

News Release

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Willis Targets Pittsburgh for Continued Growth

New York, NY, February 24, 2005 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, continuing to strengthen its presence in key geographic markets across North America, today announces several hires in its Pittsburgh, PA office.

Deneen Schmitt has joined Willis as Senior Vice President for the Executive Risk Practice; **Jim Cottone** has joined Willis as Senior Vice President and Wrap-up Team Leader; **Mike Scibetta** and **Andy Fellowes** joined the Company as Vice Presidents in the Middle Market Practice Group; **Frank Sorosky** joins as Vice President and Client Advocate; and **Jennifer De La Torre**, Assistant Vice President, Casualty Specialist; **Amy Rudzik**, Client Manager; **Rena Ward** and **Karen Wedmore**, Client Service Administrators have also joined Willis.

Schmitt brings 28 years of experience, most recently in Aon's Pittsburgh office as a Senior Vice President. She has a great track record of designing, placing and servicing executive risks and related programs for publicly traded and private companies as well as non-profit organizations. She has worked with clients in a broad range of industries (including, but not limited to healthcare, education, manufacturing and financial institutions) as well as in such areas as mergers and acquisitions, bankruptcy, and public offerings.

Cottone brings 14 years of insurance industry experience, most recently in the Pittsburgh office of Marsh where he served as a Client Executive for the last five years. He provides experience in Construction and Workers' Compensation Liability, Wrap-up Insurance Programs, and is a Certified Safety Professional.

Scibetta has over twenty years insurance and other industry business experience, most recently with Cigna as a Disability Claims Manager. Additionally Mike served as the Property / Casualty Manager for Chubb in Melbourne, Australia and has experience in the Food Service Industry.

Fellowes has 18 years of industry experience, most recently as a Risk Management consultant for Baily Raabe & Associates where he specialized in analyzing risk exposures associated with Executive Liability coverage for all size accounts including private, not-for-profit, and publicly traded companies.

Sorosky brings 28 years of industry experience and most recently served with Marsh as the construction OCIP Administrator in the Pittsburgh office.

De La Torre has over six years of insurance industry experience specializing in brokering all size accounts, including construction projects.

Rudzik has 20 years of industry experience, most recently with Marsh as a client representative working on OCIP accounts.

Ward and Wedmore have recent experience with the administration of OCIP projects throughout Pennsylvania.

“These industry professionals joining Willis from a range of companies in the sector is a clear demonstration that Willis is not following in the footsteps of others in the insurance broking sector,” said Linda Kortlandt, CEO of Willis’ Pittsburgh office. “We have a strong, vibrant and growing office here in Pittsburgh and these professionals coming on board will help us further deliver our unique Client Advocate model to companies in this market.”

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