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Chris Leisz Joins Nationwide Alternative Ventures team

Leisz to lead E&S/Specialty Alternative Venture Organization

Nationwide has named Chris Leisz as the head of Alternative Ventures for the company's Excess & Surplus/Specialty team. Leisz' experience makes him a perfect fit for the role as Nationwide looks to grow in Alternative Ventures.

“We're continuing to invest in Alternative Ventures and grow business through implementing innovative solutions across product, distribution, and strategic partnerships,” said John Lopes, senior vice president, Programs, Alternative Ventures and Innovation. “In a short amount of time, Alternative Ventures has been very successful in launching key growth initiatives. As we expand the organization, I am confident Chris will be a tremendous asset to the team.”

In this role, Leisz will be responsible for ensuring the successful growth of existing ventures and reviewing new opportunities.

Leisz joins Nationwide from Risk Placement Services where he served as President of RPS Signature Programs Division, leading all operational activities including strategic planning, business, and corporate development, P&L, M&A, and Market Relationships since early 2018.

Before starting his career, Chris graduated from St. John's University with a bachelor's degree in Government and Political Science followed by a Juris Doctorate. Afterward, Chris developed an extensive insurance background starting at AIG where he held various leadership roles including Chief Underwriting Officer of the Private/NFP Management Liability Division of National Union. He then advanced his career to holding two Senior Vice President positions in both Hiscox Insurance Company as well as CNA Insurance.

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