

Markel names Steve Girard, Regional President, Southeast region

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RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 9, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Markel Corporation (NYSE: MKL) announced today that Steve Girard has been named Regional President, Southeast region for Markel Specialty. Girard, who currently serves as Regional President of the Mid-Atlantic region, replaces Nick Abraham, who decided to leave Markel for another opportunity.

"Steve took the helm of our newly created Mid-Atlantic region four years ago and all he and his team did was deliver consecutive years of strong, profitable growth," said Sarah Gavlick, Chief Territory Officer, East, Markel Specialty. "We are looking forward to him and his team doing the same in our Southeast region, while further strengthening our business relationships with key wholesale and retail distribution partners."

Girard joined Markel in 2008 in the Southeast region as Managing Director, Production and Underwriting. He was named Southeast Regional President in 2011. In 2017, Markel expanded its regional model from five to six regions, and Girard was named Mid-Atlantic Regional President.

Prior to Markel, he served in various senior management roles with CNA Re, W.R. Berkley, and Willis Re. Steve began his career in 1985 with General Reinsurance as a casualty facultative underwriter. During those 15 years, he spent one year with Markel in 1990 when it acquired the second half of Shand and the Rhulen Agency which became the basis for Markel Insurance Company.

Girard will continue reporting to Gavlick and will be based in Markel's Alpharetta, Georgia office.

"We thank Nick for his many contributions during his 19-plus years at Markel and wish him success in his new

opportunity," Gavlick said.

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