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JLT Specialty Insurance Services Chairman James R. Pierce Headlines IMUA Annual Meeting

New York, NY April 28, 2017 – Kicking off this year’s Inland Marine Underwriters Associations’ (IMUA) Annual Meeting, James R. Pierce, Chairman of JLT Specialty Insurance Services, Inc. will be delivering an in-depth outlook at the property and casualty industry from a broker perspective. The IMUA’s 87th Annual Meeting will be held May 20-24, 2017 at Chateau Elan in Braselton, GA.

Commenting on this year’s keynote address, IMUA President & CEO, Kevin O’Brien, said, “This year IMUA is extremely pleased to be able to bring James Pierce to address our members and friends as our keynote speaker. His insights into the ever-changing face of the property and casualty business from a broker perspective is of utmost interest to this year’s our attendees.”

Among the subjects Mr. Pierce will discuss are:

- When will the insurance market stabilize and prices stop their downward plummet?
- Know your market and be a specialist
- Embrace data and analytics to make human capital flourish
- It’s all about the client
- Who will be the winners and losers over the next few years?

Mr. Pierce joined JLT's U.S. retail operation as its Chairman in 2014. JLT is one of the leading insurance brokerage firms in the world and specializes in the lines of business and industries with which Mr. Pierce has been involved throughout his career. He is a graduate of Kenyon College and the Program for Management Development at Harvard Business School. He began his insurance career in 1978 as a marine insurance broker.

“The IMUA Annual Meeting offers an outstanding opportunity for professional development and networking with industry colleagues. Our keynote speaker is just one such example of what attendees can expect,” said Mr. O’Brien.

Among the topics scheduled for this year’s educational sessions are:

- Mid-Rise Wood Construction – Cross Laminate Timber
- Transporting Temperature Sensitive Commodities
- Infrastructure – Atlanta’s MARTA Expansion
- Weather Trends – Flooding and Inland Marine Exposures
- Emerging Trends

Continuing with its emphasis on professional development, IMUA will be offering its “Intro Parallel Track” programming in addition to the traditional educational programming. This will include:

- Introduction to Inland Marine
- The Basics of Builders Risk
- Understanding Contractors Equipment
- Transportation Insurance

For more information visit IMUA’s website www.imua.org for more details or to register, or contact Lillian Colson at IMUA, 212-233-0550.

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