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**REINSURANCE PROS TO GATHER IN CHICAGO
TO EXPLORE CRUCIAL INDUSTRY ISSUES**

**CPCU Society Workshop to Provide Valuable Insights on
Current Market Conditions and What's Ahead**

MALVERN, Pa., Jan. 20, 2011 — In early February, reinsurance professionals will gather in Chicago to discuss the industry's hottest issues, and the unique challenges and solutions that reinsurance brings to the claims process. Almost every insurance company buys reinsurance from other insurers for the same reasons that individuals and businesses buy insurance — to reduce possible financial losses by transferring risks and sharing losses.

The annual workshop provides reinsurance professionals - and other professionals who work with or are impacted by reinsurance - an opportunity to gain a better understanding of where the industry is, where it's heading and who's doing what. The event helps reinsurance professionals to understand and explain current issues to their customers, as well as to anticipate emerging risks.

On **Thursday, Feb. 3**, the CPCU Society and five other groups — the CPCU Society's Reinsurance Interest Group; the CPCU Society's Chicago, Chicago-Northwest Suburban and Chicago-West Suburban Chapters; and the Association of Lloyds Brokers — will present a workshop on "Reinsurance Today — Challenges in Today's Reinsurance Marketplace!" **The program will take place at DLA Piper US LLP, 203 N. LaSalle St., 15th floor, Chicago, Ill.**

The workshop will be held from 8:45–11:15 a.m., with registration from 8:15–8:45 a.m. Following the workshop, a REACH Reception/Luncheon will be held from 11:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m. for an additional fee.

The workshop will feature two panel discussions. During the first session, reinsurance claims professionals will discuss "Reinsurance and Claims — Current and Upcoming Issues." Mike Lamplot, of Chilton International, will serve as moderator. Panelists

will include Leonardo Casanas, of Swiss Re Claims; Kevin Doerschuk, of CNA Ceded Claims; and Randy Leffelman, of Munich Re America Claims.

The second panel, comprised of reinsurance executives, will provide a “view from the top” discussion of the hottest issues facing the industry today. Eric Hubicki, of BMS Intermediaries Inc., will serve as moderator for the program, “Interpreting the State of the Market.” Panelists will include Frank Coglianese, of SCOR Re; Jim Hawksworth, of Willis Re; Brian Kernkamp, of Zurich NA; and Himanshu Shah, of Munich Re America Treaty.

Attendees will gain a better understanding of the industry’s current state and possible future direction, and how it impacts the entire insurance industry. They will learn how reinsurance affects claims processes and how current events, such as the economic downturn, have affected reinsurance claims. They will also be able to identify who’s doing what in the reinsurance market, and begin understanding and anticipating emerging risks.

The cost is \$75 for CPCU Society members and \$95 for nonmembers. Workshop materials and refreshments are included.

The workshop has been filed by the Association of Lloyd’s Brokers for continuing education (CE) credits in Illinois. CPCUs will be awarded two continuing professional development (CPD) points for the workshop.

Registration and detailed content descriptions are available on the CPCU Society’s website, www.cpcusociety.org, under “Professional Development.”

The REACH Reception/Luncheon will feature a presentation by Matthew T. Wulf, of the Reinsurance Association of America, on “An Update on Regulatory Reform Affecting Reinsurance.” Separate registration and charge is required. For more information and to register for the luncheon, contact Al Moy, REACH president, at (708) 917-2454.

About the Society

The CPCU Society is a community of credentialed insurance professionals who promote excellence through ethical behavior and continuing education. The Society's nearly 28,000 members hold the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU®) designation, which requires passing eight rigorous undergraduate- and graduate- level examinations, meeting experience requirements, and agreeing to be bound by a strict code of professional ethics. The CPCU designation is conferred by the American Institute for CPCU. More information about the CPCU Society is available at www.cpcusociety.org.

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