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**Liberty International Underwriters Names Valoree Celona as
Head of Medical Professional Liability**

NEW YORK – Liberty International Underwriters (LIU), part of Liberty Mutual Insurance, has named Valoree Celona to its recently-created position of senior vice president of Medical Professional Liability Insurance. Based in LIU's New York office, Ms. Celona will oversee LIU's national Medical Malpractice underwriting team and spearhead expansion of LIU's current medical malpractice offerings.

“With the healthcare sector positioned for strong growth over the next decade, this is the right time to expand our presence in the professional liability market and build upon our already successful medical malpractice offering,” said Carl Pursiano, senior vice president and chief underwriting officer for LIU Specialty Casualty. “Valoree’s more than 25 years of experience in program business, open brokerage, and reinsurance will be invaluable as she and her team work to broaden our book of business through innovative product offerings and key corporate relationships.”

LIU's existing medical malpractice programs provide medical professional liability coverage for individual physicians and approximately 200 classes of allied health professionals, including a wide variety of nursing specialties; physical, occupational, and other types of therapists; mental health professionals; and students of allied health.

“The projected workforce growth in the healthcare sector offers us an opportunity to expand our professional liability offerings and help brokers and their clients meet emerging coverage needs,” said Ms. Celona. “I am excited to join LIU and work with this team of dedicated medical professional underwriters and specialized medical malpractice claims professionals, as we seek out those areas that best fit LIU's expansion strategy for medical malpractice.”

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