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Linda V. Schreiner to join Markel Corporation

Richmond, VA, December 10, 2015 — Markel Corporation (NYSE: MKL) announced today that Linda V. Schreiner will join the company as Senior Vice President, Strategic Management, effective January 4, 2016. She will be based out of the Richmond, Virginia, office and will report to F. Michael Crowley, President and Co-Chief Operating Officer.

Additionally, Schreiner will succeed Pamela J. Perrott, Chief Human Resources Officer and Senior Vice President, who will retire at the end of 2016 after a 27-year career with Markel. Schreiner will work closely with Perrott during the transition and will assume the title of Chief Human Resources Officer after Perrott's retirement.

"Pam is a valued member of our senior leadership team, and she has been instrumental in planning and executing our talent management strategy," said Crowley. "We are grateful for Pam's contributions to Markel. I am confident that Linda will build upon our success."

Schreiner was most recently Senior Vice President, Human Resources and Communications, at MeadWestvaco Corporation. She spent 16 years at MeadWestvaco as a member of the senior leadership team and was responsible for human resources, communications, the MeadWestvaco Foundation, and global facilities management. Her previous experience also includes senior positions at Arthur D. Little and Signet Banking Corporation.

Schreiner is a member of the board of directors at Union Bankshares Corporation and the corporate advisory board of the University of Virginia Darden School of Business. In addition, she serves as President of the operating board for ChildSavers, and she serves on the board of directors for the Virginia War Memorial Foundation.

"I am excited about Linda's extensive experience in human resources, communications, organizational development, and strategic planning that she will bring to our company," added Crowley. "She has more than 25 years of leadership experience and will be a strong addition to Markel's senior management team."

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