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Markel Wholesale Announces Promotion in Product Line Leadership

Richmond, VA, August 13 — Markel announced today the promotion of Scott Whitehead to its Product Line Leadership team. Scott has been named Director of Binding Authority, replacing Evans Nash, who was recently named Managing Director of Wholesale Marketing.

Scott has spent 13 years at Markel, most recently as Director of Underwriting and Production for Markel Wholesale's Southeast region.

"We look forward to working with Scott on a national basis," said John Latham, President of Markel's Wholesale division. "With Scott's work in the Southeast region binding authority portfolio, his involvement on our binding portal committee, and his background as a top performing binding authority individual risk underwriter, he will take us to the next level of being the premiere binding platform in the E&S industry."

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