

Ameritas Announces Officer Elections

March 11, 2015//Lincoln, Neb.// JoAnn Martin, president and chief executive officer, announces the following officer elections, effective March 1.



Cathy Brockhaus, CPA, was elected second vice president – planning for Ameritas Life and Ameritas Life of New York. Brockhaus is responsible for directing the enterprise in the development, analysis and reporting of the annual and three-year plans; rating agency reporting and relationships; and the development of peer analysis and benchmarking of the holding company.

Since joining the company in 2003 as a planning and financial analyst, Brockhaus has held several positions with increased responsibility, most recently as director of planning.

She earned a B.S. degree in business with an emphasis in accounting from the University of Nebraska – Kearney. She is a certified public accountant and earned the professional designation of CGMA, chartered global management accountant.

Brockhaus is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants (NESCPA).



Travis Clark, CPCU, recently joined the company and was elected vice president – risk management for Ameritas Life and Ameritas Life of New York. Clark oversees risk management for the organization, identifying emerging risks and advising senior management on appropriate risk mitigation options. He is also responsible for ensuring risk exposures (financial, operational, and strategic) are managed within established tolerances and limits, and oversees business continuity practices and corporate insurance coverage.

Prior to joining Ameritas, Clark most recently served as vice president of Zurich Insurance Group in its Omaha office, where he had multiple underwriting and business growth responsibilities for nine years. He also served as manager of underwriting for Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies for five years.

Clark graduated from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln with a B.S. degree in business and majored in actuarial science. He earned his MBA degree from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.

He holds the professional designation of chartered property casualty underwriter (CPCU) and is a member of RIMS (Risk Management Society) and serves on LOMA's enterprise risk management committee.



Diane Kolvek recently started working for Ameritas and was elected vice president – retirement plans sales and relationship management for Ameritas Life and Ameritas Life of New York. She is responsible for leading the retirement plan sales team and helping shape the direction of the retirement plans division in key areas, such as retirement readiness and retirement income.

Kolvek brings nearly 25 years of retirement plans experience in sales, strategy, management, team-building, training, coaching and client services.

She graduated cum laude from Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Mo., with a bachelor's degree in public relations. She holds the professional designation of Qualified Plan Financial Consultant (QPFC).

Kolvek is a member of Women in Pensions, National Association of Plan Advisors, and American Society of Pension Producers and Actuaries. In the community, she is a volunteer for the TeamMates mentoring program, Methodist Hospital Foundation and Food Bank's Kids Crusin' Kitchen.

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