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O'Donnell and Hamilton join NSU Healthcare; Chicago office expanding

Chicago, IL - National Specialty Underwriters, Inc. (NSU) announced today the hiring of Dianne O'Donnell as Sales Executive, and Meghan Hamilton as Account Manager for NSU Healthcare, a division of the company that specializes in the wholesale of medical professional liability to retail brokers nationwide.

Ms. O'Donnell brings to NSU 29 years experience in Healthcare finance and insurance, with the past 14 years focused on medical malpractice insurance--initially in a retail brokerage capacity and most recently as a wholesale broker. She will report to Sr. Vice President, Leslie Miller. Ms. O'Donnell, a native of Chicago, earned her B.S. from the University of Illinois and holds the Associate in Risk Management (ARM) designation. She has served as an adjunct professor at Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois, and has been published in Agent & Broker Magazine and Healthcare Financial Management Magazine.

Ms. Hamilton has a background in wholesale insurance in the Chicago area, including account management of Manages over 600 Professional and Management Liability insurance accounts. She earned her BA from Loras College of Iowa in 2004. She will report to Ms. O'Donnell and Sales Executive Jim Stewart.

Ms. Miller had these comments, "We are extremely pleased to add Dianne and Meghan to our Chicago sales team. It is rare to find Dianne's combination of expertise in sales, finance, healthcare, and the medical malpractice marketplace; and Meghan's wholesale experience will allow her to fit into our service team seamlessly. They will both be tremendous assets to our retail agents in the Midwestern states. Their addition to staff, coinciding with our upcoming move to larger office space, the introduction of an exclusive new program for Imaging Centers, and the addition of some excellent new admitted and non-admitted markets, should have the phones ringing. We are on the move!"

About National Specialty Underwriters, Inc.

National Specialty Underwriters, Inc. is a program administrator headquartered in Bellevue, Washington, offering cost effective insurance to targeted clientele, including the Hospitality and Healthcare industries, as well as wholesale placement of difficult Property and Casualty Excess risks.

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