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Southfield Insurance Executive Maureen Gallagher Earns Two Top Industry Honors
Neace Lukens Partner Named a 2010 Power Broker and Responsibility Leader

(Southfield, MI) March 3, 2010 - *Risk & Insurance* magazine has named Maureen Gallagher, a partner in the Southfield office for Neace Lukens, the 28th largest insurance broker in the U.S.*, to its select Power Broker™ list for 2010 in the "Workers Compensation" category. Gallagher was also selected for one of *Risk & Insurance* magazine's most prestigious designations, Responsibility Leader™, which is awarded to only 10 insurance executives nationwide.

Winners of both honors were announced recently in the February issue of *Risk & Insurance* magazine, one of the insurance industry's leading trade publications. According to Cyril Tuohy, managing editor for *Risk & Insurance*, the Power Broker competition began five years ago as "a way for commercial insurance buyers to get a sense of which insurance brokers they could rely on to help them structure their insurance program and as a device to flat out give credit where credit is due."

The Power Broker award recognizes nominees' abilities in customer service and depth of industry knowledge. It also looks at successes earned in the past 12 months. An important part of the judging process includes testimonials from clients on how a broker "solved difficult problems with an innovative and exceptional solution." In her award, Gallagher was cited for her "extensive training [which] helped her create a seamless arrangement between the efforts of her team and her clients' teams to better manage their workers compensation programs."

Gallagher was also selected as one of the 10 Responsibility Leaders in 2010. For the Responsibility Leader designation, a panel of judges reviewed the applications of the Power Broker winners to identify the top candidates who best exemplify the following attributes: going above and beyond the call of duty in a way that benefits their clients, company and community; doing the right thing over the easy thing; and encouraging young people to consider brokerage and insurance as a career.

Neace Lukens chairman John Neace said, "Maureen's technical mastery, comprehensive experience and devotion to our clients—along with her enthusiasm and energy—combine to provide an important dimension to the Neace Lukens team. We feel that she demonstrates the Power Broker ethic every day representing Neace Lukens."

With more than 30 years of experience in the insurance industry, Gallagher serves Neace Lukens as a partner and a workers compensation brand leader. She is the founder of Insurance Partners Academy, which offers special training for brokers, risk managers, underwriters and insurance staff. She is also a frequent lecturer and presenter for the National Alliance for Insurance Education and Research, the largest insurance educator in the country. She is the creator of the Property, Risk and Insurance Specialist (PRIS) certification class and the Certified Workers' Compensation Counselors (CWCC) program. She has earned numerous professional designations including Licensed Insurance Counselor (LIC), Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC), and Certified Risk Manager (CRM). Gallagher is a resident of Troy, Michigan.

To learn more about the 2010 Power Brokers awards, please visit www.riskandinsurance.com.

ABOUT NEACE LUKENS:

Neace Lukens, founded in 1991, has over 150 licensed agents and over 500 employees operating in 9 offices throughout Kentucky (Louisville, Lexington & Bowling Green), Ohio (Cincinnati, Cleveland & Columbus), Indiana (Indianapolis), Michigan (Southfield) and Tennessee (Nashville), with satellite offices in Arizona, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and Wisconsin. Neace Lukens corporate headquarters is located in Louisville, Kentucky, at 2305 River Road.

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