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Robertson Ryan & Associates Expands with the Addition of a Legacy Brookfield Agency

January 11, 2017 (Milwaukee, WI) Robertson Ryan & Associates is happy to announce Allied Insurance Centers joined their firm on January 1, 2017. As a Top 100 US Insurance Agency, Robertson Ryan & Associates is the largest independent agency in Wisconsin and continues to grow annually.

James Polaski, President at Allied Insurance Centers said, "Robertson Ryan's agency values and vast agency resources made for an ideal match for our next chapter at Allied. The team at Allied is excited to join Robertson Ryan and be part of their robust client focused network. After all, we are in the business of helping people and we know Robertson Ryan shares that philosophy."

James Polaski joined Allied Insurance Centers in 1983 to work beside his father, Harry Polaski, who founded the agency in the 1950s. Jim became President of Allied in 1995 and enjoyed building relationships in the community and growing the family agency, which recently celebrated its 60th anniversary. Jim is well respected in the insurance community and has made a big impact in the industry. He has been a longtime supporter of the Professional Insurance Agents (PIA) organization and is a past President of the Wisconsin chapter. Jim will continue to own and service his client book and serve as a Vice President at Robertson Ryan.

Sean Paterson started his career as a mortgage broker, then entered the insurance industry in 2000. In 2003, he joined Allied Insurance Centers and in 2004 earned the highly respected Certified Insurance Counselor designation. Over the years, Sean has developed into a specialist for hospitality and apartment clients. Sean is a leader with the Professional Insurance Agents of Wisconsin (PIA) and is Secretary on their Board of Directors. Sean will serve as a Vice President at Robertson Ryan.

Nine team members total are joining Robertson Ryan including: Betsy Jesowshek – CSR Commercial, Sandra Kleiman – CSR Personal, Dimitra Lemberger – CSR Personal, Jean McCue – Office Assistant, Bruce Michels - Benefits Producer, Sean Paterson – Vice President, Heidi Patton – CSR Commercial, Jim Polaski – Vice President and Joyce Skoney – CSR Commercial.

"We are very pleased to welcome Allied Insurance Centers and their service team. Growth is always strategic and requires the right individuals coming onboard. We are confident Jim, Sean and their team have the insurance expertise, values and work ethic to excel with Robertson Ryan," said Gary Burton, Robertson Ryan's Chief Operating Officer.

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