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PIAA to Recognize Jim McGuire with Award of Excellence for Lifetime Achievement at 2016 Medical Liability Conference

Rockville, MD (March 24, 2016) – PIAA, the nation’s leading association representing the medical and healthcare professional liability (MPL/HPL) insurance community, will recognize Jim McGuire with the PIAA Award of Excellence for Lifetime Achievement. The award will be presented on Thursday, May 12, at the PIAA Medical Liability Conference in Washington, D.C. Mr. McGuire is being honored for his outstanding contributions to PIAA and the MPL/HPL insurance community.

Mr. McGuire has a long and distinguished career specializing in insurance and reinsurance casualty coverages and claims, with a particular focus on healthcare portfolios. He has provided legal advice to numerous underwriters worldwide who are involved in treaty physician, facultative hospital professional liability, and various affiliated programs. Formerly, he was an equity partner at Mendes & Mount from 1983 until his retirement in 2014. After retirement, he became a board member of AHPIA Solutions, Inc., the management company of PIAA member Academic Health Professionals Insurance Association.

“Jim’s contributions to the establishment and development of the PIAA MPL insurance marketplace are significant,” said PIAA President and CEO Brian K. Atchinson. “His knowledge, on a nationwide basis, was instrumental in helping build the founding group of PIAA companies that continue to serve as the backbone of the MPL industry.”

The list of companies that Mr. McGuire worked with is extensive and includes CMIC, COPIC, The Doctors Company, FPIC, MAG Mutual, Medical Mutual of Maryland, MICA, MIEC, Medical Mutual of North Carolina, NORCAL Mutual, OMIC, Physicians Insurance A Mutual, PPIC, ProAssurance, South Carolina Insurance Reserve Fund, SVMIC, TMLT, UMIA, and many others. In addition, he assisted various risk retention groups and many hospital accounts.

“Jim had a leading role in working with Lloyd’s of London syndicates in the late 1970s to assist in educating their underwriters about MPL insurance,” Atchinson continued. “His knowledge of the healthcare environment helped PIAA companies understand the importance of the role of early identification and strategizing in achieving the best possible claims outcomes, as well as the benefits of a business approach that integrates several key company functions—claims, underwriting, and risk management. He became the link between the companies and their reinsurers, and his contributions in this regard created the foundation for the outstanding relationships PIAA companies have to this day with the Lloyd’s of London underwriters and London reinsurers.”
Over the years, Mr. McGuire has been a frequent speaker at PIAA meetings and conferences on various topics that touch upon the more complex MPL claims and coverage issues. He has also worked tirelessly on behalf of PIAA to provide London-based speakers for the benefit of the membership, through his support of the PIAA Underwriting and Claims Sections.

“We are honored to present Jim with this prestigious award for his longtime dedication to PIAA and its member companies,” said Gloria H. Everett, Chair of PIAA and President and CEO of The Mutual RRG. “He has been one of the pioneers in our industry, and we are pleased to recognize him for the exemplary work he has accomplished over the years. He has played a unique role in many professional areas, and his expertise has contributed significantly to the ongoing success of the PIAA community.”

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PIAA is the nation’s leading association representing medical professional liability insurance companies, risk retention groups, captives, trusts, and other entities with a commitment to the quality delivery of healthcare. PIAA members insure more than 2 million healthcare professionals around the world—doctors, dentists, nurses and nurse practitioners, and other healthcare providers—including more than two-thirds of America’s private practicing physicians. PIAA members also insure more than 2,000 hospitals and 8,000 medical facilities.