

TDIC AND TDIC INSURANCE SOLUTIONS SELECT FORMER CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE DEPUTY AS CEO

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Sacramento, Calif. – The Dentists Insurance Company (TDIC) and TDIC Insurance Solutions have announced the hire of Jim Richardson as their new president and CEO. Richardson begins his new position on May 28, 2009, bringing a unique blend of more than 20 years of management, administrative, public policy and insurance experience.

Since January of 2007, Richardson served as Chief Deputy Commissioner for the California Department of Insurance. In this role, he oversaw the day-to-day operations of a staff of 1,200 and a \$200 million budget. He also provided policy advice to Commissioner Poizner on a wide variety of regulatory, legislative and political issues.

“Jim was a tremendous asset at the Department of Insurance. He is bright, energetic, personable and very talented. This combination of skills will serve him well in his new position at CDA,” said California Department of Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner.

Prior to working at the California Department of Insurance, Richardson was principal and CEO of Golden State Consulting. He has also led synchronized operations and smooth transitions in some very complex environments, such as managing the transition team for Governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger.

“I’m excited to become part of an organization that has such a strong and clear understanding of the needs of its policyholders. I also look forward to leading these companies during today’s challenging and dynamic economic times,” says Richardson.

In addition to his professional achievements, Richardson holds a Master of Arts in Government from California State University, Sacramento; a Master of Arts in English from California State University, Sacramento; a Master of Arts in Education from California State University, San Francisco; and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of California, Berkeley.

Founded in 1980, The Dentists Insurance Company has a long history of helping dentists practice more confidently and productively. TDIC, a subsidiary of the California Dental Association, underwrites professional and business liability policies; employment practices liability; and building and business personal property coverage. Licensed to offer coverage in 40 states, endorsed by eight state dental associations, TDIC insures more than 17,000 dentists nationwide. It also carries an A rating by A.M. Best. For more information, visit thedentists.com.

In 1982, a group of California Dental Association members founded a company that offers products and services specifically for dentists, their families, staff and practices. Since then, TDIC Insurance Solutions has been offering innovative insurance solutions to dental professionals for their business and personal needs. TDIC Insurance Solutions is an authorized independent agent for more than 30 major carriers throughout the state of California. All of the carriers have an A rating or greater by A.M. Best. For more information, visit tdicsolutions.com.