



## **H. MICHAEL COON NAMED PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF MID-CONTINENT CASUALTY COMPANY**

**Cincinnati, Ohio – April 15, 2010** – Mid-Continent Casualty Company, a member of the Great American Insurance Group, announced that H. Michael (“Mike”) Coon was named President and Chief Operating Officer the Company, succeeding Jim Pierce, who was named Chairman and Chief Executive Officer until the time of Mr. Pierce’s retirement in December 2010. Mr. Coon has 37 years experience in the insurance industry. He joined Mid-Continent in 1991, most recently serving as Executive Vice President. Before coming to Mid-Continent, Mr. Coon worked as an underwriting manager with INA/Cigna in Dallas, Texas, and with Crum & Forster in San Antonio. Mr. Coon is a graduate of the University of Texas.

### **About [Mid-Continent Casualty Company](#)**

Mid-Continent Casualty, a member of the Great American Insurance Group, is primarily an underwriter of commercial casualty business with an emphasis on General Liability. Mid-Continent also writes Umbrella, Inland Marine, Commercial Auto, Surety and Private Passenger Auto insurance, and is the selected carrier for homebuilders in three states (OK, TX, and FL). Group members include Mid-Continent Assurance Company, Mid-Continent Excess and Surplus Insurance Company, Mid-Continent Specialty Insurance Services, Inc., and Oklahoma Surety Company.

### **About [Great American Insurance Group](#)**

Great American Insurance Group’s roots go back to 1872 with the founding of its flagship company, Great American Insurance Company. Based in Cincinnati, Ohio, the operations of Great American Insurance Group are engaged primarily in property and casualty insurance, focusing on specialty commercial products for businesses, and in the sale of traditional fixed, indexed and variable annuities and a variety of supplemental insurance products. Great American Insurance Company has received an “A” (Excellent) or higher rating from the A.M. Best Company for over 100 years (most recent rating evaluation effective on March 27, 2009). The members of the Great American Insurance Group are subsidiaries of [American Financial Group, Inc.](#) (AFG), also based in Cincinnati, Ohio. AFG’s common stock is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol AFG.

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