



Contact: Tania Bengtsson, Director of Marketing
Phone: (574) 245-3546
Email: tbengtsson@gibsonins.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Gibson Insurance Group Announces 1st Annual Risk Management Forum

SOUTH BEND, PLYMOUTH, and INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA – 09/02/09 – Gibson Insurance Group is conducting the first annual Risk Management Forum; 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon; Thursday, September 24, 2009. This half-day Forum is designed to bring together business executives and top industry leaders for in-depth perspectives, discussion, and audience interaction to *Tackle Issues Faced by Today's Executives*.

The Forum will include topics critical in today's business climate:

- Credit & Banking
- 401k Compliance & Fiduciary Liability
- Executive Liability - D&O Risk and Employment Practices

To attend, RSVP by Friday, September 18, 2009 at www.gibsonins.com. Cost is free, however registration is required. The Forum will be held at the Gillespie Conference Center - Hilton Garden Inn, South Bend.

Credit & Banking

Mike Gavin, Lake City Bank

Rick McNamar, Coface North America

The recent economic downturn has been called the most serious financial crisis since the Great Depression. Rising bankruptcies and tightening lending practices are taking their toll on businesses. Essential loans integral to funding a company's operations are often difficult, and sometimes next to impossible, to obtain. We'll explore the current state of business credit, future projections, and working solutions.

401k Compliance & Fiduciary Liability

Michael Nader, Baker & Daniels, LLP - Ft. Wayne

Michael Burmeister, Crowe Horwath

Kevin LaCroix, OakBridge Insurance Services

Trustees of pension plans are personally liable under federal law. The stock market meltdown has dealt a crushing blow to retirement plans. Plan trustees now find themselves in a difficult position, and many factors in today's environment are creating increased risk. The 10 biggest settlements for ERISA-related class actions in the United States topped \$17.7 billion in 2008, a 10-fold increase over the \$1.8 billion paid out in 2007. Four of the biggest settlements involved allegations of breach of fiduciary duty and experts are predicting more lawsuits will follow based on this theory. Learn more about benchmarking 401k administration procedures to best practices and shoring-up defenses through improved governance practices such as examination, documentation, and disclosure.

(more)

Executive Liability - D&O Risk and Employment Practices

Richard Hill, Baker & Daniels, LLP - South Bend

Kevin LaCroix, OakBridge Insurance Services

Directors & officers face an unprecedented amount of personal risk. The record number of layoffs and credit failures in today's tough economic climate has added fuel to the proverbial fire. Employment practices claims from employees and allegations of misrepresentation and fraud from shareholders, creditors, customers, competitors, and regulators are possible and increasingly common. Too often, there is confusion about whether a company's business liability insurance will respond to such claims. There is also a belief that only publicly traded companies are exposed to legal action against directors & officers. The number of lawsuits is on the rise, and the cost of defending these claims can be enormous and time consuming. Join us for an interactive, entertaining, and informative discussion to help you understand your executive liability.

Gibson Insurance Group is a multi-line insurance broker and risk management services firm with offices in South Bend, Plymouth, and Indianapolis, Indiana.

For more information visit www.gibsonins.com.

(end)