



## Media Release

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### **Chesapeake Employers Insurance Announces Appointment of John Barnett as Chief Financial Officer**

(TOWSON, Md.) — Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company has announced the appointment of John Barnett as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), effective June 23, 2026. Mr. Barnett brings more than 25 years of financial leadership experience to Chesapeake Employers and will play a key role in strengthening the organization's financial position and advancing its long-term strategy.



“As Chesapeake continues to grow and serve employers across Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic region, John’s deep financial expertise and strategic leadership will be instrumental in supporting our long-term relevance and resilience in the marketplace,” said Mark Isakson, President and CEO of Chesapeake Employers Insurance.

As CFO, Mr. Barnett will oversee the company’s financial strategy, operations, and capital deployment, ensuring alignment with Chesapeake Employers’ broader business goals. Mr. Barnett will lead financial regulatory reporting, tax, audits, internal controls, and reinsurance programs, while managing key relationships with regulators, auditors, and financial partners.

Most recently, Mr. Barnett served as Chief Financial Officer of BGSF, Inc. Previously, Mr. Barnett served as Chief Financial Officer of Protective Insurance. He has also held CFO and senior leadership positions at First Acceptance Insurance, Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI), and Anheuser-Busch.

Mr. Barnett holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, a Master of Science degree in Engineering Management from Missouri University of Science and Technology, and a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

#### **About Chesapeake Employers**

Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company is Maryland's largest writer of workers' compensation insurance. It is a nonprofit, non-stock, private corporation. Chesapeake Employers has served as a continuous, guaranteed source for fairly priced workers' compensation insurance since 1914.

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