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John has more than 24 years of experience in underwriting primary and excess errors and omissions coverage (E&O), including miscellaneous E&O, insurance agents, manufacturing, technology, cyber and media segments of the business. His role at Hudson Insurance Group, is to oversee underwriting operations for non-medical professional liability and identify marketplace opportunities in addition to individual account underwriting and consultation.

In 2003, John co-founded Euclid Managers, LLC, an underwriting manager and claims administrator. In 2015, Euclid Managers, LLC was acquired by Hudson Insurance Group. Prior to co-founding Euclid Managers, LLC, John was the Director of Underwriting for The Hartford's Technology Professional Liability group. Before joining The Hartford, John held underwriting and management positions at major carriers including CNA and AIG.

John has a Registered Professional Liability Underwriter (RPLU) designation and speaks frequently at professional liability focused events and conferences. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts in Business.

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Laura has more than 31 years of experience in the financial services sector at Fortune 500 companies. As Senior Vice President for Hudson Insurance Group, Laura's role includes underwriting complex or large accounts and overseeing marketing and product development for professional liability and cyber coverages for internet, tech, media, manufacturing and miscellaneous professional risks.

In 2003, Laura co-founded Euclid Managers, LLC, an underwriting manager and claims administrator. In 2015, Euclid Managers, LLC was acquired by Hudson Insurance Group. Prior to co-founding Euclid Managers, LLC, she was Vice President, Technology Professional Liability at The Hartford. She was recruited by The Hartford to position the company in the technology industry. In addition to developing the coverage forms, her role included working with standard lines and other divisions within The Hartford to determine the strategic direction and operating platform for the technology initiative.

Prior to joining The Hartford, Laura worked for Media/Professional Insurance, CNA and AIG with responsibilities in the areas of strategic planning, product development, marketing and underwriting management. For the past 28 years, Laura has been active in tracking the rapid evolution of technology and its impact on business. She was a member of Aon's National.com, Intellectual property and Technology practice groups. Laura has a Bachelor of Science in both Finance and Economics from New York University.

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T.R. has 35 years of insurance experience, with a background in technology, internet, media and miscellaneous E&O product lines. A former newspaper reporter and editor, he has particular insight into defamation and privacy cases involving the media and cyberspace industries.

In 2003, T.R. co-founded Euclid Managers, LLC, an underwriting manager and claims administrator. In 2015, Euclid Managers, LLC was acquired by Hudson Insurance Group. Prior to co-founding Euclid Managers, LLC, T.R. was the Executive Vice President - Technology Claims for The Hartford. Before joining The Hartford, T.R. served as Executive Vice President of Aon's Media/Professional Insurance and led all of Media/Professional's claims divisions. T.R. concurrently served at Aon as Senior Vice President and a member of the Executive Committee for Financial & Professional Risk Solutions, Inc., heading that company's divisions which managed claims in D&O, EPLI and financial institution bonds.

T.R. earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Kansas, where he served on the school's Law Review, and a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Georgia, where he served as editor of the university's collegiate daily newspaper. He also spent time reporting for the Atlanta Journal and Augusta Chronicle and as assistant city editor for the Macon Telegraph.

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Becky Swanson has over 20 years experience with an array of professional liability products with a focus on miscellaneous professional, tech professional and cyber liability. As a Regional Underwriting Manager for Hudson Insurance Group, Becky is responsible for underwriting internet, tech, cyber, media, manufacturing, insurance agents and brokers and MPL accounts in Chicago and across the U.S.

Prior to joining Hudson Insurance Group, Becky was the Managing Director at Markel responsible for miscellaneous professional, technology professional and cyber liability products written with the wholesale brokerage community. In addition to underwriting, training and product development, Becky has participated on a number of panels focusing on cyber liability issues and miscellaneous professional discussions. She is also a continuing education instructor for cyber and miscellaneous professional liability courses across the U.S.



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Kim Ellis has over 25 years experience as a leading underwriter for internet, tech, media, miscellaneous professional liability and insurance agents E&O risks. As Senior Underwriter for Hudson Insurance Group, Kim is responsible for underwriting internet, tech, cyber, media, manufacturing, insurance agents and brokers and MPL accounts nationwide.

Prior to joining Hudson Insurance Group, Kim was a senior underwriter for Euclid Managers, LLC, an underwriting manager and claim administrator. In 2015, Euclid Managers, LLC was acquired by Hudson Insurance Group. Prior to joining Euclid Managers, Kim was the Northeast Regional Team Leader and Senior Underwriting Account Manager for Media/Professional Insurance. In addition to her underwriting, marketing and management responsibilities, Kim co-chaired the company's Diversity & Inclusion Council (a committee studying the causal link between individual behavior, business processes and financial results). Her work was instrumental in establishing a local Diversity & Inclusion Council and recognized as the standard for national and international Council development.

Kim earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Economics from Baker University; has completed CPCU coursework and is currently pursuing her RPLU designation.

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Kristine started her insurance career in professional liability several soft and hard markets ago. Her experience extends to many different types of professional liability products. As a Senior Underwriter for Hudson Insurance Group, Kristine is responsible for underwriting a book of business that includes internet, tech, media, cyber, manufacturing, insurance agents and brokers and miscellaneous professional liability accounts across the U.S.

Prior to joining Hudson Insurance Group, Kristine was a Senior Underwriter for Euclid Managers, LLC, an underwriting manager and claim administrator. In 2015, Euclid Managers, LLC was acquired by Hudson Insurance Group. Prior to underwriting for Euclid, Kristine underwrote a book of business for Media/Professional Insurance, that included media, technology and miscellaneous types of risks, until she was singled out to work specifically on cyber liability. She gained her initial professional liability experience underwriting insurance agents professional liability for E&O Professionals, a division of Media/Professional Insurance. She has carried licenses in several states and most provinces in Canada. Along the way Kristine obtained her Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation and is currently pursuing a Registered Professional Liability Underwriter (RPLU) designation.

