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### **RLI appoints professional liability claims counsel**

PEORIA, ILLINOIS, December 18, 2008, RLI Corp. (NYSE:RLI) –RLI announced the appointment of Ira Sussman as claim director for RLI Design Professionals, where he will handle litigation and supervise architects and engineers liability claim activities. Sussman will work closely with the group’s vice presidents, Louis Leonard “Lenny” Waldhauser IV and Paul Dietrich, to meet the demands of the complex design professionals insurance marketplace.

Prior to joining RLI earlier this year, Sussman was an attorney for McCullough Campbell & Lane, where he specialized in working with London market insurers writing professional liability policies for U.S.-based design professionals. He advised insurers on coverage issues and helped architects and engineers resolve disputes at insured construction projects. He also previously served as senior surety claims counsel with Safeco Surety, assessing exposure to claims presented by owners, general contractors and others in a 26-state region.

Waldhauser said, “Ira is a perfect match for the highly focused RLI Design Professionals business model. He has 18 years’ experience in construction law, litigation and insurance coverage, and will play a key role in developing and delivering the risk management resources we will offer to our customers.” Sussman will handle nationwide A&E claim activity from RLI’s Chicago office. He has a bachelor of arts from Roosevelt University, and a law degree from the Chicago Kent College of Law.

RLI is a specialty insurance company serving “niche” or underserved markets. Its proven, superior underwriting model creates the flexibility to write unique coverages in a wide array of diverse industries. RLI’s subsidiaries – RLI Insurance Company, Mt. Hawley Insurance Company and RLI Indemnity Company – are rated A+ "Superior" by A.M. Best Company and A+ "Strong" by Standard & Poor's. RLI operates in all 50 states from office locations across the country.

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