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**CAA SURGES FORWARD WITH  
TWO NEW TEXAS & OKLAHOMA MEMBERS**

**COMBINED AGENTS OF AMERICA EXPANDS TO 44 MEMBERS WITH NEW MEMBERS**

AUSTIN, Texas, October 20 – Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA), announces new growth with the expansion of two new members, First Texas Insurance Services, LC in Arlington, TX and Lake Insurance Agency, Inc. in Laverne, OK. This new growth is the latest in a series of dynamic growth surges CAA has experienced this year. CAA has gained a total of seven members, or over 18 percent member growth, so far in 2009. With a strong presence in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, CAA is a managing general agency (MGA) looking to further expand across the country to strengthen the independent insurance agency system through profitable growth and exceptional service for its member agencies.

“CAA continues to exceed its growth goals despite the current economic slump, while maintaining its high membership standards,” said Bill Bridges, CAA chairman and executive vice president of Duncan, Fraser & Bridges (Pampa, TX). “This strategic new growth provides us with strong member agencies which provide a broader presence in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, and further extends our reach into Oklahoma. We at CAA are proud to have First Texas Insurance Services and Lake Insurance Agency join our ranks.”

Founded in 1996, First Texas Insurance Services, LC is a locally-owned and operated independent insurance agency that is committed to providing services with expediency, quality and integrity to the Arlington and greater north central Texas community. Collectively, the principals of First Texas have over 150 years of local experience providing a broad range of insurance solutions including commercial, personal, and life and health. <http://www.firsttex.com>

“All of us at First Texas Insurance Services are extremely pleased to be part of a group of people whose core values of integrity and honesty we share,” said Jeff Jordan, CIC, principal of First Texas Insurance Services and new CAA member. “Through our membership with CAA, we will increase the markets and opportunities available to our customers while maintaining local ownership and control of First Texas. CAA is a great fit!”

Founded in 1923, Lake Insurance Agency, Inc. provides quality protection for thousands of individuals, families and businesses throughout Laverne and the greater state of Oklahoma. Owned and operated by Don and Melissa Burke since 1991, Lake Insurance specializes in oil and gas insurance while providing a full range of insurance services that cover commercial, personal and life and health needs.

“I am thrilled about becoming a CAA member because it will provide powerful opportunities for my agency to grow,” said Don L. Burke, CEO of Lake Insurance Agency and new CAA member. “After spending time with the CAA members, I further realize how much this solid group of insurance professionals value relationships, integrity, agency ownership and good industry ideas, and I am only more excited about the future.”

### **About Combined Agents of America, LLC**

Founded in 1997 Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA) is based in Austin, Texas, and comprised of 44 independent insurance agencies located throughout Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. By funneling the agencies’ combined premiums, CAA brings larger volume commitments to insurance companies, while empowering its members to realize greater benefits from insurance companies, vendor discounts and other incentives.

CAA works with 18 of the largest insurance companies in the nation. CAA placed 18<sup>th</sup> nationally in the *Insurance Journal’s* Top 100 Property and Casualty Agencies in 2009. All CAA member agencies remain independent and are recognized by insurance companies as a key component to their future growth and goal commitments. Additional information is available at [www.combinedagents.com](http://www.combinedagents.com).

CAA member agencies include: Aars & Nelson Insurance Agency, Barnard Insurance Agency, Bartlett, Baggett & Shands, Benchmark Insurance Group, Benton-Luttrell-Brown Company, Bigham-Kliewer-Chapman-Watts Insurance Agency, BRIA Insurance & Risk Consultants, Bridges Group Inc., Bosworth & Associates, Bryan Insurance Agency Ltd., Brownrigg Insurance Agency Inc., Cravens-Warren & Co., Crockett Insurance Service, Duncan-Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency Inc., Ed Berrong Insurance Agency, Ed Weeren Insurance Agency Inc., EFGI Insurance & Bonds LCC, Evans-Ewan & Brady Insurance Agency Inc., First Insurance Services, First Texas Insurance Services LC, Henry Norris Insurance Agency, Inc., Garrett Insurance Agency, Inc., GBS Insurance Agency Inc., Grona Boles and Martin Insurance Agency Inc., Hill County Insurance Agency, Insurance Associates of Texas, Insurance Net Inc., JHC Insurance Agency Inc., J. S. Edwards & Sherlock Insurance Agency, Lake Insurance Agency, Inc., McCorkle Commercial Insurance Agency, Mims & Smith, Mr. Insurance Agency, Inc., Pierson-Fendley Insurance, Pinnacle Insurance Group Inc., Porter Insurance Agency Inc., Purifoy & Company, The Shropshire Agency Inc., Siegeler Insurance Agency, Inc., Walthall-Sachse & Pipes, Inc., The Weatherby-Eisenrich Inc., Wellmann Insurance Agency, Inc., Western Insurance Agency, and Whorton Insurance Services.

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