



John Mizzi to join Blackboard Insurance as Head of Growth and Underwriting

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NEW YORK--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--Blackboard Insurance ("Blackboard") today announced that John Mizzi will join the team as Head of Growth and Underwriting on July 8. John will lead the underwriting team as Blackboard expands its use of data, analytics and technology to serve the needs of insureds and broker partners in the middle market of commercial insurance.

"We are thrilled to have John join us," said Seraina Macia, Chief Executive Officer of Blackboard. "His extensive experience in the middle market and years of relationship-building, combined with our new technology platform, customer-centricity and analytics-driven underwriting approach will take us to new heights. Two years into Blackboard's build, we are ready to further engage in the market in a focused, yet meaningful way and we look forward to bringing our innovative approach to more participants in the commercial insurance industry."

"Data-driven analysis is foundational for top-performing commercial insurance carriers, and Blackboard's use of technology to streamline the underwriting process is unprecedented in the middle market space," John said. "I am excited to work with the Blackboard team and leverage this model that enables us to quickly respond to the needs of our distribution partners and clients."

John joins Blackboard from CNA, where he led commercial field operations since 2016. He previously had a 25-year career at Chubb, where he most recently served as Senior Vice President and Eastern Territory Field Underwriting Officer. John earned his Bachelor's degree at Villanova University and earned his MBA at the Peter J. Tobin College of Business at St. John's University.

John succeeds Ed Pulkstenis, who will transition from Head of Growth into a newly created role at Blackboard, Head of Machine Augmented Solutions. Ed will be applying his 25 years of experience in the commercial insurance industry to design the optimal interaction between the human and machine, positioning Blackboard for further growth in the years ahead.

About Blackboard

Blackboard Insurance, which is an American International Group, Inc. ("AIG") company, is reimagining the ecosystem of commercial insurance for the middle market using modern technology and team innovation. Using our proprietary technology, we seek to streamline everything from underwriting to claims and finance to operations, and deliver a more efficient, seamless experience. We write property, auto, general liability and umbrella liability for companies in the manufacturing, real estate, wholesale, retail and services industries with annual sales up to \$500 million. Find out more and get in touch at www.blackboardinsurance.com.

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