



The Word & Brown Companies

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**THE WORD & BROWN COMPANIES' JOHN M. WORD III RECEIVES THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH UNDERWRITERS' GOLDEN EAGLE AWARD**

Companies' Co-founder Is Lauded By The Association's Leading Producers Round Table

ORANGE, CA – July 15, 2008 – The Word & Brown Companies announced today that co-owner John M. Word III won the Golden Eagle Award from the Leading Producers Round Table (LPRT) of the National Association of Health Underwriters. The prestigious award is the highest recognition bestowed by the LPRT upon an individual who has demonstrated professional excellence in the sale of health and disability income insurance. Word has received the award every year since its inception in 1991.

“I’m honored,” said Word, co-founder of The Word & Brown Companies with business partner Edward J. “Rusty” Brown, Jr. “This is a coveted award within the insurance industry – one that brokers compete rigorously to receive.”

The National Association of Health Underwriters, headquartered in Arlington, Va represents 20,000 professional health insurance agents and brokers who provide insurance for millions of Americans. It formed the LPRT in 1942 to recognize successful underwriters of accident and health insurance. Today, the LPRT committee is committed to making LPRT the premier program for top health, disability, long-term care and worksite marketing insurance producers, carrier representatives, carrier management, and general agency/agency managers.

About The Word & Brown Companies

The Word & Brown Companies, headquartered in Orange, Calif., provides services to nearly 55,000 employers covering more than 6 million people across the nation. During its more than 20-year-span, The Word & Brown Companies has become the nation's recognized leader in developing and offering innovative technology and health benefit plan models and the nation's most sophisticated employee benefits services to companies of all sizes. **The Word & Brown Companies includes: The Word & Brown General Agency; CHOICE Administrators[®]; CONEXIS; and Quotit[®] Corporation.** Visit <http://wordandbrowncompanies.com> for information.

About the National Association of Health Underwriters

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