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John B. Lennes, Jr. is Vice President of the Alliance of American Insurers, a national association of over 270 property and casualty writers, headquartered in suburban Chicago. Mr. Lennes directs the workers compensation and health departments of the Alliance.

Prior to assuming his duties with the Alliance, Mr. Lennes had a broad background of legal practice, government service and government relations work. Most recently, he was a partner in the Minneapolis law firm of Bale, Anderson, where he specialized in employment and workers compensation issues. From January of 1991 to February 1995, Lennes was Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, where his assignments included workers compensation, labor standards, apprenticeship, OSHA, and other related matters. During his tenure, Lennes served on the Board of Regents of the International Workers Compensation College, was president of the National Apprenticeship program, vice-chair of the Safety Committee of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Association, and served on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Government Labor Officials.

Prior to service as state Labor Commissioner, Lennes was Director of Legislative Affairs for the Minnesota Business Partnership, General Counsel of the Minnesota State Chamber of Commerce, President of the lobbying firm of Spano, Lennes and Associates, practiced law with the Minneapolis firm of Hessian, McKasy & Soderberg, was Adjunct Professor of Law at Hamline University, legal counsel to the Minnesota State Senate, and special term law clerk for the Fourth District Court, Minnesota.

Lennes is admitted to practice in the State of Minnesota, before the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. He is a graduate of Wabash College and Columbia University School of Law.

Lennes is married with two mostly grown children, and enjoys a number of activities which he undertakes with varying degrees of success. He is a certified open water scuba diver, a former champion race driver, and a wretched but enthusiastic golfer.

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