



Core Specialty recruits three AmTrust underwriters for E&S product liability

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Guy Harris was recruited as assistant vice president underwriter, Jason Rockel as lead underwriter and Matt Madar as senior underwriter.

The team previously worked at Great American, an American Financial Group brand, where Core Specialty CEO Jeff Consolino was previously CFO.

The appointments were effective today.

Based in Cincinnati, Ohio, the product liability line was launched in December 2020 as part of Core Specialty's excess casualty division. The unit is under the leadership of senior vice president Van Spanos.

Jeff Consolino, president and CEO, said: "This team brings a wealth of E&S underwriting experience along with excellent long-term relationships with our existing wholesale brokers.

"Our product liability product continues to grow profitably for us. We are excited to build on our strategic and dynamic vision for Core Specialty."

This is the latest in a series of the company's efforts to expand its top line and diversify the business after it was rebranded from StarStone in November 2020, when it was acquired and recapitalized by former Validus executives Consolino and Ed Noonan, with private equity backing.

In a March interview, Consolino said the executives are interested in finding opportunities that either add specialties to the business or would buttress their market position.

In May, the company hired Guy Carpenter's Ann Brady as senior vice president for agriculture. In April, it launched an equine practice led by Kevin Eagen, who joined from HDI Group.