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### **DARREN OKIHARA JOINS FIRST INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAWAII AS VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMERCIAL UNDERWRITING**

**HONOLULU** – Darren Okihara has joined First Insurance Company of Hawaii as vice president of commercial underwriting. He will be responsible for generating new business and maintaining relationships with the company’s agency partners.

“We are extremely fortunate to have Darren join our leadership team,” said Allen Uyeda, president and CEO of First Insurance. “His underwriting and managerial strengths, along with his knowledge of the local marketplace, will further strengthen our competitive advantage in Hawaii and add depth to our management team.”

Okihara has more than 19 years of underwriting and premium audit experience with Firemen’s Fund Insurance Company. He spent the last eight years as the Hawaii underwriting director and corporate director of Firemen’s Fund Insurance Company of Hawaii.

A graduate of Hilo High School, Okihara earned a degree in marketing from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and an MBA from Chaminade University.

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First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Ltd. is the oldest and largest property and casualty insurer domiciled in Hawaii, with assets totaling more than \$604 million and liabilities of \$409 million at September 30, 2008. First Insurance offers a broad array of personal, commercial, and specialty insurance lines. Nearly a century old, First Insurance enjoys an "A" (Excellent) rating from A.M. Best Co., whose ratings are widely recognized as a benchmark of an insurer's financial strength. Proud of its broadly experienced, service-oriented staff, First Insurance employs more than 300 insurance professionals and distributes its products through 29 independent general agencies. It has claims personnel on Oahu, Kauai, and Maui, as well as in Hilo and Kona on the Island of Hawaii. First Insurance is jointly owned by CNA Financial Corporation and Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Company Ltd.

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