

CBIZ Names Jim O'Connor National Practice Leader for Employee Benefits

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CLEVELAND--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jul. 9, 2014-- CBIZ, Inc. (NYSE: CBZ), one of the nation's largest providers of employee benefits and insurance advisory services, announces today the appointment of Jim O'Connor as National Practice Leader for Employee Benefits.

O'Connor rises to his new role after serving as Managing Director and Executive Vice President of CBIZ's New Jersey and New York employee benefits practice. In his new role, he will focus his responsibilities on the continued growth and development of the employee benefits unit across the country.

His predecessor, Bonnie Evelyn, has resigned from the post, effective July 1, but will continue working with CBIZ as an independent consultant. Under Evelyn's leadership, CBIZ achieved great success in the employee benefits services division, growing revenue over 15 percent during recent years in an unstable economic and industry environment.

"Bonnie has done a tremendous job successfully leading us during one of the most tumultuous times in our industry," says O'Connor. "It is now our opportunity to take what we have built and continue our development as the preeminent middle-market employee benefits services provider in the country."

With over 25 years in the employee benefits industry, O'Connor has a depth of valuable experience serving numerous middle-market and large corporate employers, foundations and non-profit organizations. Prior to forming EAO Benefits in 2004 and joining CBIZ via acquisition in 2009, O'Connor served as Executive Vice President of Bank of America's employee benefits and commercial insurance division and President of Meeker Sharkey Benefits, an employee benefits brokerage/consulting firm focused on middle-market and large employers.

Rob O'Byrne, President of CBIZ Employee Services, states that O'Connor's experience in the employee benefits and insurance industry will be a positive addition in his new role within the CBIZ team. "We are grateful for Bonnie's valuable contributions as National Practice Leader of Employee Benefits," O'Byrne says. "We feel that we have accomplished a great deal in the employee benefits space. We look forward to continuing the momentum we have seen over the past few years under the new management of Jim O'Connor and our strategic plans for growth and deeper penetration in the markets we serve."

O'Connor will retain many of his client engagement responsibilities while taking over larger responsibilities centered on maintaining the growth momentum of his predecessor. "We are in a time of transformation in the industry," says O'Connor. "I have never been more excited about capitalizing on the changing world of employee benefits than I am right now."

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