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## **Columbia insurance executive named IIABSC Industry Person of the Year**

**Columbia, SC – Robert H. Sanders, Jr., CPCU, ASLI** of the Preferred Specialty in Columbia was named the 2015 IIABSC Industry Person of the Year by the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of SC (IIABSC) at their annual meeting held in October. The award recognizes industry representatives other than independent insurance agents who have contributed greatly to the insurance industry in South Carolina.

Robert started his career as a reinsurance broker in 1999, and had the vision and opportunity to start up an MGA in 2003. He formed and is currently the Executive Vice President of Preferred Specialty MGA in Columbia.

He is active with the two national associations that support and promote the surplus lines industry, AAMGA and NAPSLO, especially with their young professionals groups. He serves as Vice President on the UFO (Under Forty Organization) Board of the AAMGA and as the Education Chair of NAPSLO's Next Generation. Of course he is also active with IIABSC's Young Agents program, serving on the South Carolina IIABSC Young Agents Committee and co-chairing the SC Young Agents Scholarship Golf Tournament the past four years.

Robert is passionate about the insurance business, enjoys meeting with people, promoting surplus lines insurance and giving back to the industry.

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