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Merchants Insurance Group Announces Douglas Nation as New Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society

(BUFFALO, NY) August 13, 2009 -- Merchants Insurance Group is pleased to announce that Douglas Robert Nation, Actuarial Analyst, has completed requirements for Fellowship of the Casualty Actuarial Society (FCAS), the highest actuarial designation.

The Casualty Actuarial Society is a professional organization whose purpose is the advancement of the body of knowledge of actuarial science applied to property, casualty, and similar risk exposures. The FCAS designation is achieved after passing a series of nine actuarial exams. It takes an average of 8 to 10 years after first employment to complete all exams and attain Fellowship. Mr. Nation has completed the rigorous examination process in just three years out of college.

Mr. Nation joined Merchants in 2006 after graduating from Robert Morris University, (Pittsburgh, PA), with a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics. Along with his FCAS designation, he holds the designation as a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries (MAAA).

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