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ShelterPoint Life Receives “Insurance Team of the Year” Award

Insurance Advocate Magazine Recognizes ShelterPoint Life’s Achievements in Proactive Educational Outreach and Preparation for Paid Family Leave

Garden City, NY, February 26, 2018 -- ShelterPoint Life Insurance Company (“ShelterPoint Life”), New York’s largest statutory disability (DBL) insurance carrier¹ received the **“Insurance Team of the Year” award** issued by **Insurance Advocate** magazine on Thursday, January 25th, 2018. This is in recognition of ShelterPoint Life’s **extraordinary preparation, education, and communication of NY Paid Family Leave (PFL)** throughout 2017. Steve Acunto, Publisher of Insurance Advocate, explains, “ShelterPoint’s achievements in proactive, educational outreach have affected the community most favorably. This new law would have otherwise created disruption for the producer community, employers, and employees in New York State, were it not for ShelterPoint’s intelligent, careful approach to the implementation of the new law.”

Each year Insurance Advocate cites a company, person, or other leader who has distinguished themselves in service to the insurance industry itself and, by extension, the insuring public.

Richard White, CEO of ShelterPoint Life, notes, “I am very proud of what we have accomplished as a team in regards to PFL thus far, and this is reflected in our recognition by the Insurance Advocate. While our 18-month build-up is winding down and all systems are a GO, this is just the beginning of PFL for New Yorkers. My sincere thanks to our PFL team for their tireless work to implement PFL and make this happen for the hundreds of New Yorkers who have already submitted a first claim to ShelterPoint. I also want to express my appreciation to the Department of Financial Services and the Workers’ Compensation Board for their hard work and cooperation in working with insurance carriers and employers during the critical Paid Family Leave roll-out stage.”

The award was officially presented to ShelterPoint Life during an awards luncheon with select industry representatives at The Carltun at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow.



Richard White (CEO, ShelterPoint Life) & Steve Acunto (Publisher, Insurance Advocate)

Additionally, ShelterPoint Life received a Certificate of Recognition from New York Senator Todd Kaminsky for its outstanding service to the community with respect to Paid Family Leave awareness and education.



David Melman (Chief Legal Counsel, ShelterPoint Life) presenting the Certificate of Recognition on behalf of Senator Todd Kaminsky to Richard White (CEO, ShelterPoint Life)



ShelterPoint Life's Paid Family Leave Implementation Team



ShelterPoint Life Executive Team: David Melman (Chief Legal Counsel), DeWitt Smith (Chief Sales & Marketing Officer), Jim Lasko (Chief Administrative Officer), Richard White (CEO), Sonny Modi (Chief Financial Officer), Brian Dunham (Chief Actuary)



ShelterPoint Life Content Team: Katrin Atienza (AVP Marketing) & Stephanie Haber (Marketing Manager) with Rebecca Hanna (PFL Expert & Director Claims Administration)

For more information about Paid Family Leave, visit ShelterPoint Life's educational PFL site www.NewYorkPFL.com

About ShelterPoint

The ShelterPoint family of companies consists of ShelterPoint Life Insurance Company and ShelterPoint Insurance Company. ShelterPoint Life was founded in 1972 as The First Rehabilitation Insurance Company of America (First Rehab Life) and is headquartered in Garden City, NY. Since its inception, ShelterPoint Life has grown into New York's largest¹ statutory disability carrier. Through the years, ShelterPoint Life has added additional employee benefits to its product portfolio and currently insures more than 150,000 employers and over 1.3 million individual insureds. In 2014, First Rehab Life changed its name to ShelterPoint Life Insurance Company. For more information about ShelterPoint, please visit www.shelterpoint.com

¹ State of New York Workers' Compensation Board, form DB-680, 2014 – applies to statutory disability premiums under ShelterPoint Life Insurance Co. only.