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Integrity Marketing Group Acquires J. Manning & Associates





J. Manning & Associates Partners with Integrity to Enhance Long-Term Care Benefits for Large Employer Groups

Industry-leading brokerage will use Integrity's innovative platform to deliver broader and more holistic solutions to some of the nation's largest and most influential employers

DALLAS - MARCH 17, 2022 - Integrity Marketing Group, LLC ("Integrity"), a leading distributor of life and health insurance, and provider of wealth management and retirement planning solutions, today announced it has acquired <u>J. Manning & Associates</u>, a leading long-term care insurance brokerage based in Chicago. As part of the acquisition, Jerry Manning, President of J. Manning & Associates, will become a Managing Partner in Integrity. Financial terms of the acquisition were not disclosed.

J. Manning & Associates is one of the largest producers of long-term care insurance in the country. The firm partners with employee benefit consultants and human resources professionals to deliver optimal long-term care solutions for employer-sponsored group plans. Working with some of the largest employers in the country and covering a diverse range of industries, J. Manning & Associates provides a wide array of sophisticated long-term care recommendations, as well as communication and education campaigns to help employees make the best decisions about their coverage.

"At Integrity, we help Americans plan for the good days ahead by ensuring they have the right life, health and wealth products for their wellbeing both now and in the future," expressed Bryan W. Adams, Co-Founder and CEO of Integrity. "Long-term care has always been a core product for us, making this partnership with J. Manning & Associates a natural fit. As some of the country's most experienced long-term care leaders, Jerry and his team offer education and turnkey solutions to large group employers, which in turn helps thousands of employees make the right choices about insurance for their situation.

Our end-to-end insurtech platform will come alongside J. Manning & Associates and help them serve even more employer groups in stronger, more innovative ways. I'm honored to welcome J. Manning & Associates to the Integrity family."

"Our knowledge of the long-term care market and our ability to communicate this benefit to a client's employees is matched by our commitment to each client's goals," said Jerry Manning, President of J. Manning & Associates. "We always put employers first so we can deliver on what they are trying to achieve for their employees. Likewise, Integrity puts their clients first by creating the resources they need to help more Americans. The future of insurance lies in insurtech — with Integrity, we can take our commitment to delivering the best technology-driven solutions to our clients even further. This partnership will empower us to bring large group employee benefit expertise to the long-term care market for years to come and we look forward to a bright future with Integrity."

J. Manning & Associates' long-term care expertise and large group focus will be an invaluable addition to the Integrity partner network, where leaders continually collaborate and strategize on best practices and solutions that optimize insurance and financial processes. This peer group of industry icons and legends is united by a steadfast commitment to innovate insurance and better protect the life, health and wealth of all Americans.

Additionally, employees of J. Manning & Associates will now receive meaningful company ownership through the <u>Integrity Employee Ownership Plan</u>.

"Our team works tirelessly with large employers to help them offer greater financial security to their employees," continued Manning. "I'm thrilled that our employees now have the opportunity to realize greater benefits themselves by participating in the Integrity Employee Ownership Plan."

J. Manning & Associates also gains access to Integrity's transformative shared business services, which are comprised of Technology & Innovation, People & Culture, finance, legal and compliance, as well as access to a world-class advertising and marketing agency. The Integrity omnichannel platform creates opportunities for J. Manning & Associates to help as many Americans as possible by using best-in-class insurtech systems. Proprietary resources include optimized quoting and enrollment platforms, innovative product development and perceptive data and analytics.

For more information about J. Manning & Associates' decision to partner with Integrity, view a video at www.integritymarketing.com/JManning.

About Integrity Marketing Group

Integrity, headquartered in Dallas, Texas, is a leading distributor of life and health insurance, and provider of innovative solutions for wealth management and retirement planning. Through its partner network, Integrity helps millions of Americans protect their life, health and wealth with a commitment to meet them wherever they are — in person, over the phone and online. Integrity's cutting-edge technology helps streamline the insurance and financial planning experience for all stakeholders. In addition, Integrity develops products with carrier partners and markets them through its distribution network of agencies, brokerages and RIAs throughout the nation. Integrity's nearly 5,500 employees work with more than 420,000 agents and advisors who serve over 10 million clients annually. In 2021, Integrity helped carriers place more than \$7 billion in new sales and oversaw more than \$20 billion of assets under management and advisement through its RIA and broker-dealer platforms. For more information, visit www.integritymarketing.com.

About J. Manning & Associates

J. Manning & Associates is a national independent insurance brokerage and consulting firm specializing in long-term care insurance. They work with employee benefit brokers and consultants, financial professionals, employers and individuals to create customized, unbiased long-term care planning solutions. In 2011, the American Association of Long-Term Care Insurance named J. Manning & Associates the largest group long-term care broker in the nation, based on 2010 premium production. For more information, visit www.imanningltc.com.

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Bryan W. Adams

Co-Founder & CEO



Bryan is the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer for Integrity Marketing Group and leads the day-to-day operations of the company. Bryan also serves on the Board of Directors of Integrity.

Bryan is the founder of Legacy Safeguard, LLC a company dedicated with helping members leave a lasting legacy and being remembered long after they're gone. Bryan is considered one of the nation's leading experts in the senior market and speaks frequently across the country about the importance of helping families on one of the most difficult days of their lives. He consults with leading insurance companies to help them offer the best products to this market.

Prior to founding Integrity, Bryan was Vice President of Business Development at Directors Investment Group, Inc., a financial services company that operates several life insurance companies, a registered investment advisory firm, bank holding company and a mutual fund family. Advancing through a series of leadership roles in sales, marketing and product development, Bryan became the youngest Vice President in the company's history, where he oversaw all expansion efforts throughout the United States.

Bryan has a degree in Business Administration from Texas Tech University. Bryan and his family live in Highland Village, Texas.

Jerry Manning

Managing Partner



Jerry A. Manning is the Founder and President of J. Manning & Associates and Managing Partner at Integrity.

Prior to founding J. Manning & Associates, one of the largest producers of long-term care insurance in the industry, Jerry served as Vice President of Long-Term Care for a division of a prominent insurance broker. He also worked as a wholesaler for a national employee benefits carrier writing group disability, dental and life insurance.

Jerry has spent over a decade helping clients design and implement customized insurance programs in the employee and executive benefits markets. That specialized expertise has made him highly sought after as an author and speaker for organizations such as the Society of Actuaries, the Minnesota State Bar Association, Financial Executives International (FEI), Indiana Health Care Association, National Business Institute and *Life Insurance Selling* magazine. He also served on the advisory board of the Alzheimer's Association Corporate Roundtable.

Jerry holds the professional designation of Certified in Long-Term Care (CLTC), and he is a certified continuing education instructor for legal, accounting and insurance professionals. He graduated from Western Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in communications.









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