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**LIFE INSURANCE COUNCIL ANNOUNCES NEW STAFF HIRES
AND CONSOLIDATED OPERATIONS IN ALBANY**

September 19, 2016 - The Life Insurance Council of New York (LICONY), under the leadership of new President and Chief Executive Officer Mary A. Griffin, has announced the association is consolidating its operations to its Albany office and adding two new staff members. The office at 111 Washington Avenue will now serve as the headquarters of the statewide association.

Ms. Griffin [took over leadership](#) of the organization on April 1 and is the association's first Capital Region resident to serve as President and CEO. Ms. Griffin succeeded Thomas E. Workman, who served as President and Chief Executive Officer of LICONY from September 1999 to April 2016.

Ms. Griffin came to LICONY from Citigroup, where she served as the Senior Vice President and Director for the New York region in the company's Global Government Relations Department. Prior to her time at Citigroup, Ms. Griffin served as the Assistant Vice President, Government Affairs, for the American Insurance Association (AIA). She has extensive experience in state government as well, having worked for 16 years in various roles in the New York State Assembly and with the New York State Department of Insurance. She is a graduate of Boston College and resides with her family in Menands, NY.

To further serve its members and carry out the association's mission of being the voice of the life insurance industry in New York, LICONY has also added two new staff members to its team. Katherine Herlihy of Queensbury has been named Counsel. Ms. Herlihy was most recently an attorney at Whiteman Osterman and Hanna. Andrew Rush of Clifton Park has been named Vice President for Communications. Mr. Rush comes to LICONY from the firm of Eric Mower + Associates, where he was a Senior Counselor.

"We are excited about adding Katherine and Andrew to our team. I know they will be great additions and will provide our members with the services they need as LICONY works to make New York a more hospitable place for life insurers to provide important products and services to New York's families," Ms. Griffin said. "The life insurance industry started in New York and it is one of the country's most important economic drivers. We look forward to doing everything we can to ensure that this industry continues to provide the economic certainty and financial stability to New Yorkers that it has for more than 250 years."

Life insurance companies of New York State directly employ more than 30,000 people and provide products sold by more than 75,000 life insurance agents.

LICONY is the trade association representing the life insurance industry doing business in New York State. Its member companies provide the vast majority of life, disability income, long-term care insurance and annuity benefits for New Yorkers. LICONY's membership includes 73 life insurance companies and 23 allied professional firms.

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