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Over the past 12 years Cantilo & Bennett, LLP has uncompromisingly emphasized quality in its representation of state insurance regulators and others throughout the country in troubled insurance company engagements. The firm enjoys a varied corporate and litigation practice, but it has distinguished itself for its work on behalf of insurance departments, principally in the areas of rehabilitation, liquidation and complex transactions, such as mergers, acquisitions, demutualizations and conversions.

"Though we are a boutique firm in Austin, Texas, we are nationally recognized because we have a reputation for providing an extremely high-quality product backed by years of experience in this unique field," says co-founding partner Patrick Cantilo.

Cantilo has devoted most of his 30 years of practice to this area, and was again selected for inclusion in the 2011 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®. As a leader in his field, he frequently lectures throughout the U.S. and abroad on matters related to health care and insurance regulation. The firm's other attorneys have also achieved national prominence, including active participation in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and leadership in the International Association of Insurance Receivers, of which Cantilo is both a founding member and current President.

Along with Cantilo, who has served as Deputy Receiver or lead counsel in a number of receiverships and mergers and acquisitions throughout the country, the firm's partners include Mark Bennett, Joseph West, Susan Salch, Michael Marcin and Pierre Riou. Together, with 20 associates and support staff, they comprise a diverse team with a commanding knowledge of matters affecting troubled insurers and complex insurance and health care transactions.

Though the firm prides itself on its reasonable fees and costs, quality is never compromised—its attorneys apply the same dedication to their work in the pro bono field as they do to multi-state restructuring engagements.



Standing From Left: Pierre J. Riou, Michael P. Marcin, Joseph N. West, Susan E. Salch
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