

## WRF Announces New Insurance Partners

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The Insurance Group is pleased to announce that William Smith and David Topol, both of counsel with the firm, have been elected to the partnership, effective January 1, 2004.

William Smith serves in the litigation and insurance practices. He represents clients in complex civil litigation matters and has substantial experience representing professional liability and general liability insurance carriers in coverage actions. Mr. Smith is a former in-house litigation counsel for a global telecommunications company where he handled domestic and international commercial litigation and arbitration matters. He received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Michigan Law School.

David Topol serves in the firm's insurance, litigation and appellate practices. He represents insurance carriers in connection with a variety of professional liability policies, including banking, mutual fund, investment adviser and directors and officers policies. Recently, he authored the "Professional Liability Chapter" of *Holmes' Appleman on Insurance*, 2d, (Fall 2003). Mr. Topol is a former Trial Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental Enforcement Section. He also served as a law clerk to the Honorable A. Raymond Randolph, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Mr. Topol received his J.D. from Yale Law School.