



Southern Insurance Consulting

Expert testimony and litigation support for most insurance matters—all from one source.



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Professional History

Southern Insurance Consulting

Principal – 2000-Present

Providing expert testimony, litigation support and coverage analysis

Southern Insurance Group

President – 1988-2000

Third largest Independent Insurance Agency in Mississippi (by MBJ), with six locations.

Selected by Mississippi Business Journal in 1995 as one of the 40 fastest growing businesses in the state.

Consistently recognized as one of the leading insurance agencies in the U.S. by the IIABA and Reagan & Associates through their Best Practices Program.

Agencies were sold to Renasant Bank, Peoples Bank and Farmers and Merchants Bank – 1996-2000.

Associated Insurors of Mississippi

President and Co-founder – 1991-2009

President of Magnolia Insurance Company, AIM's Bermuda based captive insurer

Statewide marketing group consisting of nine large agencies from across the state.

Fred Vann & Company

Vice-President and Agency Manager – 1977-1988

Licensed Insurance Agent – 1972-2017

Largest Independent Insurance Agency in North Mississippi

Industry Affiliations and Service

Independent Insurance Agents of Mississippi

President – 1999-2000

Board of Directors – 1995-Present

Workers' Compensation Task Force Co-chair

"Mississippi Workers' Compensation Source Book," co-author

Banking and Insurance Working Group Representative

American Association of Insurance Management Consultants (AAIMCO)

President – 2015-2017

University of Mississippi

Adjunct Professor of Insurance – "Risk Management and Insurance" – 2000-2017

Chairman – Insurance Advisory Council – 1997-1998

National Alliance for Insurance Education

Faculty Member – "Legal and Ethical Responsibilities of Agents" CIC curriculum – 2011-2018

Professional Designations

Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriter (CPCU)
Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC)
Certified Risk Manager (CRM)
Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC)
Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU)
Accredited Advisor in Insurance (AAI)

Special Recognition

Independent Insurance Agents of Mississippi

J.H. Johnson Memorial Award for Outstanding Service to the Insurance Industry – 2018
President's Award – 2002
AAMGA Association Achievement Award – 1992

Rotary International

Paul Harris Fellow

University of Mississippi

RMI Program Outstanding Supporter Award - 2002

Community Service

President or Chairman of:

Corinth Rotary Club
United Way of Corinth and Alcorn County
Corinth Area Arts Council
Corinth Business Association
Corinth Preservation Commission
Friends of the Siege & Battle of Corinth
Dorothy Garrett Girl Scout Camp
Alcorn County Cancer Society

Board of Directors of:

Leadership Mississippi
Mississippi Cancer Society
Mississippi Business and Industry Political Education Committee
Mississippi Republican Party

First Presbyterian Church of Corinth

Ruling Elder and Trustee

Education

University of Mississippi / Oxford, Mississippi

Bachelor of Business Administration Degree – 1975
University Scholar
Hall of Fame
Omicron Delta Kappa

Georgia State University / Atlanta, Georgia

Master of Insurance Degree – 1977