

# Three EPIC Consultants Recognized Among the 25 Most Influential Women in Benefit Advising

SAN FRANCISCO and SAN MATEO, Calif., and HOUSTON, Texas, June 6, 2016 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – EPIC Insurance Brokers and Consultants, a retail property, casualty insurance brokerage and employee benefits consultant, announced today that Managing Principal Dana Liedel, Senior Vice President Suzanne McGarey and Senior Vice President Lydia Rivera have been included in Employee Benefit Adviser's list of the 25 Most Influential Women in Benefit Advising.



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Employee Benefit Adviser's 2016 Most Influential Women in Benefit Advising highlights national benefits consulting leaders who stood out among a highly qualified field of dozens of nominees from CEOs, to Vice Presidents, to hard-working associates and IT specialists.

According to Employee Benefits Advisor, "These women seek to not only grow their companies and increase profits, but also to make it their business to encourage other women in the field to pursue similar success."

Dana Liedel, managing principal, strategy and business development, was a primary contributor to the strategy and structure of the specialty/consulting

sector of EPIC's employee benefits practice, known as the EPIC Employer Services Platform. Liedel has helped grow the practice from \$12 million to more than \$80 million, leading its overall strategic direction and implementing next-level advisory services.

Suzanne McGarey, senior vice president of Ascende – an EPIC Company, has helped to lead Ascende's health and welfare team for more than a decade, working to differentiate the company through initiatives such as benchmarking surveys and other business intelligence initiatives as well as compliance advisory services.

EPIC's Senior Vice President of Employee Benefits, Lydia Rivera, has been a top 10 producer every year since entering a sales role and she continues to maintain a \$2.2 million revenue book of business. Rivera has mentored, coached and developed new female sales team members across her career and she actively monitors their progress to ensure their success.

"We are honored that these extraordinary EPIC women have been named among the Most Influential Women in Benefit Advising," said John Hahn, CEO of EPIC. "To have three of our consultants recognized among this small, elite group nationally is a wonderful accomplishment, which speaks volumes about the character and quality of the women and men who have made EPIC their business home."

See the full list of 25 Most Influential Women in Benefits Advising here:

<http://www.employeebenefitadviser.com/slideshow/25-most-influential-women-in-benefit-advising>

**About Ascende – an EPIC Company:**

One of the largest independent employee benefits only consulting firms in the country, Houston-based Ascende specializes in health and welfare consulting, benefit plan administration, retirement and investment advisory, wellness, communications, global benefit solutions, mergers and acquisitions consulting and human resources consulting services.

Ascende also offers services unique to the employee benefits industry through the Ascendent® Pharmacy Coalition, a purchasing cooperative that reduces pharmaceutical costs to employers.

For additional information, please visit <http://www.ascende.com>

**About EPIC:**

EPIC is a unique and innovative retail property and casualty and employee benefits insurance brokerage and consulting firm. EPIC has created a values-based, client-focused culture that attracts and retains top talent, fosters employee satisfaction and loyalty and sustains a high level of customer service excellence. EPIC team members have consistently recognized their company as a "Best Place to Work" in multiple regions and as a "Best Place to Work in the Insurance Industry" nationally.

EPIC now has more than 850 team members operating from offices across the

U.S., providing Property Casualty, Employee Benefits, Specialty Programs and Private Client solutions to more than 13,000 clients.

With more than \$200 million in revenues, EPIC ranks among the top 20 retail insurance brokers in the United States. Backed by the Carlyle Group, the company continues to expand organically and through strategic acquisitions across the country. For additional information, please visit <http://www.epicbrokers.com/>.

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\*Photo Caption: (L-R) Dana Liedel, Suzanne McGarey and Lydia Rivera.

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