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### **THE BARCLAY GROUP HONORED AS ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S BEST BY THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP**

WORCESTER, Mass. (May 2009) – The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc. (NYSE: THG), a leading super regional property and casualty company, recently honored The Barclay Group of Riverton, NJ with its Northeast Region President's Cup.

The award was presented last month at The Hanover's 2009 President's Club conference, an annual gathering of an elite group of independent agencies from across the country.

The Barclay Group was selected from more than 1,000 agents for the award, which was granted in recognition of the agency's deep commitment to customer service, advocacy, quality performance and dedication to partnership.

"The Barclay Group is one of the country's most well-respected agencies. Led by John Latimer, the strong leadership team is highly committed to serving customers across all lines of business," said Dick Lavey, regional president of The Hanover's Northeast region. "We are very proud to honor The Barclay Group with this award. The agency epitomizes what it means to be an independent agent, providing expert insurance advice and distinctive products to meet the needs of individuals, families and businesses throughout their local markets."

#### **About The Barclay Group/J.S. Braddock Agency**

The Barclay Group and its sister agency J.S. Braddock have been serving the insurance needs of businesses, families, contractors, public entities and emergency squads continuously since 1945 and 1923 respectively. Today, The Barclay Group has grown to nine offices in four counties to become one of the

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largest and most trusted professional independent insurance agents in New Jersey. The Barclay Group is a firm of proven professionals with caring and conscientious people; the kind of people clients can depend on. Their staff has a commitment to maintain the highest standard of excellence in everything they do and establish a solid relationship of mutual trust and service with every client. The firms' success is attributed to working with all types of insureds in evaluating risk, and assisting in the development of a good risk management strategy. Since 1999, customers have voted The Barclay Group Burlington County's BEST Insurance Agency and Gloucester County's BEST since 2006. For more information, please visit [www.barclayinsurance.com](http://www.barclayinsurance.com).

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### **About The Hanover**

The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc. (NYSE: THG), based in Worcester, Mass., is the holding company for a group of insurers that includes The Hanover Insurance Company, also based in Worcester; Citizens Insurance Company of America, headquartered in Howell, Mich., and their affiliates. The Hanover offers a wide range of property and casualty products and services to individuals, families and businesses through an extensive network of independent agents, and has been meeting its obligations to its agent partners and their customers for more than 150 years. Taken as a group, The Hanover ranks among the top 40 property and casualty insurers in the United States. For more information, please visit [www.hanover.com](http://www.hanover.com).