

## **Stephen Hunckler elected vice president by State Auto boards**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – November 6, 2009 – Stephen P. Hunckler has been elected vice president by the boards of directors of State Automobile Mutual Insurance Company and State Auto Property & Casualty Insurance Company.

Hunckler joined State Auto in August as chief claims officer after serving as executive vice president and chief claims officer at Balboa Insurance in Irvine, Calif., where he was responsible for overall claims execution and strategy supporting the company's \$3 billion book of business. His 33 years of professional experience includes all but six in property and casualty insurance claims, with senior management roles held at CNA, Travelers, AIG and Zurich American.

*State Automobile Mutual Insurance Company, headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, is a super regional property and casualty insurance holding company. The company is primarily engaged in writing personal and business insurance products exclusively through independent insurance agencies in 33 states and is proud to be a Trusted Choice® company partner. State Auto Mutual is part of the State Auto Group. The State Auto Group is rated A+ (Superior) by the A.M. Best Company and consists of State Automobile Mutual, State Auto Property & Casualty, State Auto National, State Auto Ohio, State Auto Wisconsin, State Auto Florida, Milbank, Farmers Casualty, Meridian Security, Meridian Citizens Mutual, Beacon National, Beacon Lloyds, Patrons Mutual and Litchfield Mutual Fire.*

*State Auto Mutual also writes specialty insurance and workers' compensation products through its Rockhill insurance subsidiaries. The Rockhill insurance subsidiaries, rated A- (Excellent) by the A.M. Best Company, write business on a non-admitted basis in 49 states and the District of Columbia, and are licensed on an admitted basis in 42 states and the District of Columbia. Additional information on State Auto Mutual can be found online at [www.StateAuto.com](http://www.StateAuto.com).*