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**CONNER STRONG & BUCKELEW NAMES  
KRISTINE KLEPPER  
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS  
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**MARLTON, NJ**, (August 15, 2011) – Conner Strong & Buckelew, a leading insurance, risk management and employee benefits brokerage and consulting firm, today announced that Kristine Klepper, CEBS, has been named Senior Vice President, Employee Benefits Practice Leader.

Klepper brings more than 20 years of professional experience to Conner Strong & Buckelew. As a Practice Leader, Klepper will oversee a team of benefit consultants as well as provide account services for larger more strategic accounts. Her primary client service responsibilities include strategic planning, benefit evaluations and financial analysis. She works with clients to set short and long term strategies to address healthcare costs, healthcare reform, and promoting health management and productivity within their organization.

“Kristine is an excellent addition to our team. She comes to us with a wealth of experience and will be a tremendous asset to clients as well as colleagues,” said Joseph DiBella, Executive Vice President in charge of Employee Benefits Consulting for Conner Strong & Buckelew. “By bringing Kristine on board, we’re further positioned to provide our clients with best-in-class service and the additional support they need in these ever changing times.”

Prior to Conner Strong & Buckelew, Klepper was Senior Vice President and Local Market Leader for Aon Hewitt for 15 years where she was an Account Manager for several large and mid-size private sector and public sector employers. Prior to joining Aon Hewitt, she spent seven years in health and welfare consulting at the Apex Management Group and Miller Mason & Dickenson.

Klepper earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from The College of Insurance in New York City.

**About Conner Strong & Buckelew**

Conner Strong & Buckelew is a leading insurance, risk management and employee benefits brokerage and consulting firm. Through proprietary approaches, the firm offers customized programs designed to align with organizational goals and drive bottom-line growth.

Founded in 1959 with offices in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Florida, Conner Strong & Buckelew ranks among the largest insurance brokerages in the country. Each year, the company places approximately \$1 billion in premium volume and has a team of nearly 300 professionals, serving clients throughout the United States and abroad.

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