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## Independent Insurance Agents of Texas Names Russell Luttrell of Van Alstyne ELITExan Young Agent of the Year

AUSTIN, TX — The Independent Insurance Agents of Texas (IIAT) is proud to announce that Russell Luttrell of Benton-Luttrell Insurance in Van Alstyne was named the André P. Juneau ELITExan of the Year during IIAT’s annual business meeting on June 10, 2020. Due to Covid-19, the business meeting was held virtually.

The André P. Juneau ELITExan of the Year award is given annually to a young insurance professional in Texas who has achieved success through hard work, community engagement and industry participation in a manner that is considered exceptional for a person of his or her age.

Russell is a risk advisor at Benton-Luttrell Insurance in Van Alstyne. His primary focus is on commercial lines production. Russell came to Benton-Luttrell with 10 years of experience on the carrier side selecting and pricing risks. He spent five years with Central Insurance Companies as a commercial lines underwriter in their Irving office and then moved to FCCI Insurance Group in 2012 to help them enter the Texas market. Russell spent 5 years in both marketing and underwriting, helping FCCI grow from no Texas presence to over \$50 million in written premium by the time he left in 2017.

“Russell knows what it takes to be successful in insurance,” said John Moreland of Columbia Insurance Group. “He has infused new energy into the agency and has put new processes in place that will allow the agency to grow to new levels.”

Russell has his Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU), Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC), and Associate in Underwriting (AU) designations.

### About IIAT

The Independent Insurance Agents of Texas (IIAT) expands the value and influence of independent insurance agencies via advocacy, training, business solutions, professional networking, and market resources.

Independent insurance agents represent multiple insurance companies; they aren’t employees of any single insurance company. Their independence empowers them to focus exclusively on providing their customers with the best, most personalized insurance options possible.

As the largest association of independent agencies in the country—representing nearly 1,500 agencies that employ approximately 20,000 Texans—IIAT provides a wide range of products and resources to the insurance industry. Each year, IIAT delivers more than 250 days of education, ongoing legislative and regulatory advocacy, access to new insurance markets, customized business solutions, and answers to thousands of specific questions from across the state (and country).

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