

***The J. Morey Company Inc. Announces Retirement of Vice President of Underwriting
Mary Jo Gleaves***

Anaheim, CA, - December 30, 2021 – The J. Morey Company, Inc. Insurance Agents & Brokers would like to announce the retirement of Vice President of Underwriting Mary Jo Gleaves after 24 years with the company.

Gleaves joined the insurance industry in 1987 as a receptionist for the successful Dornbush-Lewis Insurance Agency located in Campbell, California. An adept learner, she soon obtained her insurance license and began serving both personal and commercial clients throughout the Northern California region.

In 1997, John Morey of The J. Morey Company looked to acquire Dornbush-Lewis with the hopes of asking Gleaves to stay on and help his agency continue to expand operations. With an interest in learning more about the Japanese American community in San Jose and a passion for serving clients, she agreed. Gleaves' natural talent for management propelled her into heading the agency's internal operations where she became well-versed in the agency's relationships with insurance companies and gained a greater understanding of how the insurance industry operates.

This invaluable experience proved her to be vital in the process of helping Morey establish Arrowood Insurance Services, Inc., a wholesale brokerage focused on serving U.S.-based multinational businesses and non-profit organizations. As Vice President of Operations, Gleaves helped Arrowood Insurance Services become a successful wholesale brokerage and was key in establishing their long-standing relationships with Japanese insurance carriers.

Once Arrowood Insurance Services moved operations to Southern California, Gleaves returned to The J. Morey Company as Vice President of Production and would eventually become Vice President of Underwriting until her retirement in September 2021. Under her leadership, the underwriting department continued to grow both in size and knowledge. She was well known for sharing her insurance expertise through memorable anecdotes. She was also involved in the insurance community, serving as the IIABCal local chapter president in 2010.

Throughout the years, Gleaves established a reputation for always putting the client first and built strong connections, both professional and personal, throughout the industry. She embraced the unique footprint of the San Jose Japantown Japanese American Community and helped strengthen The J. Morey Company's reputation as an active member of the community through involvement in local organizations and friendships with many businessowners and residents. Looking back on her 34-year career, Gleaves states that "being accepted by the community was my greatest accomplishment and I am honored to have gained their trust as both an agent and a friend."

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