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Mark has held the position of General Counsel and Executive Vice President of ALAS since January 2015. He oversees all of ALAS's legal affairs, including engagements of outside counsel and contractual relationships with third parties. Mark is a member of the senior management team responsible for the overall direction and operations of ALAS. He is Chair of the Employee Benefits Committee, which oversees the company's retirement plans and other benefits for employees. Mark is also the senior manager in charge of the Member Services department, including the Underwriting function. The department is responsible for renewal, new business development and member relations in ALAS's coverage programs for lawyers' professional liability, management liability and employment practices liability, as well as all aspects of underwriting and policy administration.

Before assuming his role overseeing Member Services, Mark was a member of the ALAS Claims department from 1993 through 2002.

Mark began his legal career with member firm King & Spalding LLP in 1984 as an associate in the firm's litigation department. He joined member firm Schiff Hardin LLP in Chicago as a litigation associate in 1985 and became a partner in 1990. Mark was elected to the Trial Bar of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in 1991. His practice focused primarily on bankruptcy, creditors' rights, securities and commodity futures litigation, and general commercial litigation. He is a member of the Business Law and Litigation sections of the American Bar Association.