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#### **Former Florida State Senator Lisa Carlton to Join FCCI Insurance Group Board of Directors**

**SARASOTA, Fla.** – May 26, 2017 – FCCI Insurance Group (FCCI) announced today that former Florida state Senator Lisa Carlton has been elected to FCCI's board of directors, effective July 1. Carlton is the co-owner and manager of Mabry Carlton Ranch, Inc., a diverse agricultural business including a cow-calf operation and citrus groves in Sarasota County. She was selected for the position based on her knowledge and understanding of the agriculture industry, her experience with the legislative process in Florida and her commitment to public service.

"Considering FCCI's commercial agribusiness coverage division wrote nearly \$100 million of FCCI's total \$787 million direct written premiums in 2016, we are confident Lisa will be an asset to the FCCI Board of Directors and are pleased to welcome her to the FCCI family," said Craig Johnson, CPA, MBA, chairman of the board, president & CEO. "She has a deep understanding of the history, culture and values that make FCCI special, and we recognize her strong experience in business and public service will be quite valuable to FCCI, our agency partners and our policyholders as we continue to grow."

Carlton is a life-long resident of Sarasota and an eighth-generation Floridian. She spent 14 years in public service to the people of Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte counties, serving in the Florida House of Representatives from 1994 to 1998 and in the Florida Senate from 1998 to 2008. She was president pro tempore of the Senate during her last term in the state Legislature.

In addition to serving on the FCCI board and managing Mabry Carlton Ranch, Carlton is a gubernatorial appointee to the state's Constitution Revision Commission, a panel commissioned every 20 years to review Florida's Constitution and propose changes for voter consideration. She is also a founding member of the Florida Historic Capitol Foundation, a member of the board of directors for the Gulf Coast Community Foundation and a certified volunteer with the Guardian ad Litem program where she serves as the voice for the best interests of children.

A graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School in Sarasota, Carlton earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Stetson University and a Juris Doctorate from Mercer University School of Law. She practiced law for several years in Sarasota before continuing her family's tradition of community service and being elected to public office.

"I'm honored to join the FCCI board," Carlton said. "Working alongside respected leaders who share my commitment to be a positive partner in our community is a great opportunity for public service. I have long admired FCCI's forward-thinking focus and dedication to strategic and sustained growth that serves their customers. I have the utmost respect for Craig and the board members, and I look forward to working with them."



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