

## McAlpin Insurance & John Stroud Agency Join Pyron Group

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### Pyron Group Announces Strategic Merger with McAlpin Insurance and John Stroud Agency

Jackson, Mississippi (July 1, 2024) – Pyron Group proudly announces its merger with two esteemed agencies, Magee-based McAlpin Insurance and New Albany-based John Stroud Agency. This merger unites the strengths of three industry leaders to better deliver enhanced insurance solutions and personalized service. With a shared vision of excellence and a reinforced statewide presence, the combined expertise of these agencies ensures that clients will benefit from greater resources, local market knowledge, and commitment to community.

Pyron Group and McAlpin Insurance have been close partners since 2006 and recently agreed to a formal merger to take advantage of Pyron Group’s statewide scale while continuing the local relationships that McAlpin Insurance has developed over the years. Tom McAlpin will continue to operate the local office and retain significant ownership. McAlpin and account manager Katy Lee will continue to service their customer relationships.

**“Eighteen years ago, Doug Pyron took a chance on a young guy just starting out and because of the faith he had in me, I will be forever grateful to him and the Pyron Group family,” said McAlpin. “I look forward to this new role as we continue the unprecedented growth seen in recent years.”**

“I do not think local customers will notice any difference in their interaction with McAlpin Insurance,” said Doug Pyron, co-owner of Pyron Group. “Tom and his team aren’t going anywhere. We needed to position ourselves to make sure that we have a plan to continue

to be a significant presence in the local market for a long time to come. We would not be able to do that without Tom's involvement."

Pyron Group is also acquiring the property and casualty operations of John Stroud Agency. Operations will continue at the current location and all staff members, including account managers Christy McClure and Ann Tharp, remain on board.

Pyron Group and John Stroud Agency have enjoyed a long and fruitful relationship over the last 20 years. John Stroud retains and continues to run the Medicare supplement and employee benefits side of the agency. The agencies decided on a formal merger to ensure the longevity of both entities and continue the long relationships that Stroud has developed across the state.

**"Over the past two decades, Pyron Group and John Stroud Agency have forged a remarkable partnership built on trust, reliability, and shared commitment to excellence," said Stroud. "Together, we've navigated challenges, celebrated successes, and continually elevated our services to exceed expectations. As we mark this milestone, we look forward to continuing our journey together, delivering unparalleled value and support to our clients for many years to come."**

"I have known John for a long time. We feel very fortunate to continue to grow our relationship with John and his team in New Albany and surrounding markets," Pyron said. "John has set a great example of how to run an insurance business and take care of local customers."

For more information and to meet the teams at Pyron Group's new locations, visit their office location pages at [Magee](#) and [New Albany](#).

Pyron Group has been providing insurance solutions in Mississippi since 1984 and is a proud member of Leavitt Group, one of the largest privately held insurance brokerages in the nation with a mission to build, serve and perpetuate independent insurance agencies as partners with local co-owners. With an extensive network of 90+ agencies and 250+ locations across 27 states, Leavitt Group offers a distinctive advantage with local ownership, delivering a personalized and consultative approach to commercial insurance, employee benefits and personal insurance. With over 70 years in the insurance industry, Leavitt Group brings national strength and local trust to the communities and clients they serve. For more information about Leavitt Group, visit [www.leavitt.com](http://www.leavitt.com).