

#InsuranceCareersMonth

Hi. I'm Thomas.

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ALL ABOUT ME

Despite a degree in political science and psychology from The George Washington University, I had always been interested in economics, financial services, risk management, and insurance. Prior to joining Marsh, I interned within the operations and marine department at a major insurance company in New York. I also worked in the US House of Representatives. I am a big sports fan and an avid traveler. I also love fashion, music, cars, auto racing, and boating.

MY ROLE ASPIRATIONS

I am a risk analyst and insurance specialist, which means I manage the day-to-day client service matters including: preparing certificates of insurance, maintaining updated exposure information, reviewing endorsements, answering and explaining coverage questions and requests, collecting and analyzing renewal data, modifying program adjustments, and analyzing invoices, policies, and audits. I also support senior client managers and client executives with overall client service needs including risk identification, marketing strategy, client proposals and presentations, and overall strategic team management.

WHY I CHOSE RE/INSURANCE

I chose a career in insurance for multiple reasons, but first and foremost, because of my interest in analyzing, assessing, and managing corporate and commercial risks. Being able to understand and assess the risks of clients, and advise them on strategies and best practices to manage those risks is very rewarding. Risk management is a boardroom topic in every organization, which means that what we do has a very real and meaningful impact. It gives weight to our work as trusted risk advisors on insurance and risk-related matters. Being able to help a client truly understand their risks and develop programs to help them succeed is really what makes this career exciting. Risk management is certainly where the action is, and I only see this increasing as time goes on. The second reason I chose a career in insurance is the sheer volume of opportunity. As someone with many different business interests, I like knowing I have the ability to work in multiple specialty areas, enabling me to experience multiple facets of the industry and finding my best niche. Whether it's focusing on an industry or specific risk area that interests me, the variety of options at my fingertips is inspiring.

WHAT SURPRISED ME MOST?

The aspect that surprised me the most working in insurance was the incredible wide range of opportunities this industry has to offer. I knew insurance had a wide range of different fields I could go into and specialize in, but I did not know exactly how many there actually were. Another piece that surprised me was the depth of expertise knowledge that some of my colleagues in this business have, especially those who have been servicing a specialty area for their whole careers. For example, we have actual nuclear physicists on staff that specialize in nuclear risk management. I never thought I would have a nuclear physicist as a colleague!

