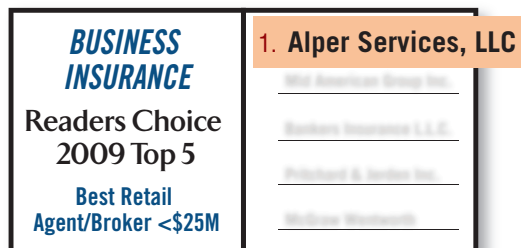


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# Alper Services Named #1 Commercial Retail Agent/Broker in the U.S.

Business Insurance Magazine recently released its annual Reader's Choice Awards to recognize their readers' selections for the best overall commercial insurance companies. In the best retail agents and brokers category, Alper Services was ranked #1 in the United States among all agencies with revenues totaling under \$25 Million (about 200 employees). Howard Alper, CEO of Alper Services, was asked to comment on receiving this distinction among his industry peers.



“We are doubly proud of this accomplishment: #2 in 2008, and #1 in 2009. We are deeply committed to helping our Clients experience value in depth. This dedication begins with our Team of experts in Property & Casualty, Employee Benefits, Personal Insurance and life/Financial. It extends to every value-added service we provide: Claims Management by our in-house occupational health nurse, Claims Advocacy by our in-house attorney, professional Loss Control and AuditRate® services performed by premium reduction experts.

By delivering unparalleled service, aggressive advocacy and creative insurance solutions, Alper Services will continue to lead the industry in lowering premiums and reducing claims.”

...Howard Alper, Chief Executive Officer

*From their headquarters in downtown Chicago, Alper Services provides a full range of business, financial and insurance services.*