

Bail Bond Industry Leader, Jerry Watson, Honored by National Legislative Organization

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Watson was recognized for his commitment to the private sector in the war on crime and his tireless and generous contributions to ALEC and its members. Representing the [American Bail Coalition](#), Watson has actively participated on ALEC's Task Force on Criminal Justice and has undertaken several projects with the ALEC Foundation, including the publication of Evidence of a Failed System: A Study of the Performance of Pretrial Release Agencies in California.

"The most innovative criminal justice policies being proposed today are those that utilize the private sector to perform corrections functions. Streets and neighborhoods are made safer when we rely on the private sector to supervise defendants, and Jerry has been instrumental in helping ALEC members implement such successful policies in their states," says ALEC Executive Director Ron Scheberle. "We recognize him and thank him for his efforts."

ALEC is the nation's largest bipartisan membership organization of state legislators. Included among its members are 31 Speakers, 37 Presidents and Senate Pro Tems, 25 Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, and 38 House Majority and Minority Leaders.

Watson received the award at ALEC's 37th Annual Meeting in San Diego, California on August 4-8. Watson has chaired numerous board committees and served as ALEC's Private Enterprise Board Chairman 2006-2008. Today he is the Board's Chairman Emeritus. His participation in this organization began through his position as Chief Legal Counsel for The American Bail Coalition. ABC is comprised of the nation's bail surety insurance companies. Watson serves as the Chief Legal Officer of AIA, the nation's largest and oldest underwriters of bail insurance.

About AIA

The AIA family of companies has been partnering with agents across the country for over a century. Formed in 2003 as an alliance of the [surety bail](#) industry's leading companies, Allegheny Casualty, International Fidelity and Associated Bond (AIA), utilize a unique "service- focused" approach to management, that provides its family of agents with the knowledge, tools and commitment they need to grow their business and succeed. With over 150 years of combined experience, AIA has become the overwhelming industry leader in agent service, national coverage, [bail bonds](#) written and number of agents.