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J. Stephen ("Stef") Zielezienski serves as executive vice president and chief legal officer at the American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA). In this capacity, he oversees the policy, advocacy, legal and communications staff in its holistic approach to public policy thought leadership. He is also the staff lead on the association's most important policy goal: addressing and reforming legal system abuse. Prior to the merger of the American Insurance Association (AIA) and the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI) that created APCIA, Zielezienski held the position of senior vice president and general counsel for 14 of his 22 years at AIA.

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