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## **Crawford & Company Northern Ireland Celebrates 150-Year Anniversary**

**London** – Crawford & Company’s Belfast, Northern Ireland office is celebrating 150 years in business making the office one of the oldest adjusting practices in the world.

Established in 1863 (originally as William Montgomery & Son), the Crawford operation in Northern Ireland has been, throughout that period, the premier adjusting company in the region providing insurers, intermediaries and government agencies with a quality professional service. This service is centred on the provision of a core property handling offering delivered by expert loss adjusters and other qualified personnel spanning business interruption, building construction and engineering disciplines.

The office has handled, in its time, some of the largest property losses ever to have taken place in Northern Ireland and in particular provided expert property adjusting to the UK Government (through the Northern Ireland office) during the most difficult periods in the history of the region.

In recent years the business has continued to develop and diversify to embrace not only specialist liability investigation, but also other business units supporting engineering expertise, contractor management, fraud investigation, project management and specialist environmental investigation.

Crawford’s Northern Ireland Director Glen Donaldson states that Crawford is in a very strong position to look at continued growth in the area in the years to come. “We have an office of 65 staff qualified in the relevant disciplines. Indeed we are operationally a microcosm of the overall UK business but providing a bespoke claims management service for Northern Ireland”.

He added that “All of our employees are proud of the journey which we have experienced, and it is the core values which are very much part of our culture which will take us forward including professionalism, integrity, customer care and a willingness to embrace change through innovation.”

Glen highlights in particular the fact that the UK technical claims hub for environmental business was set up in Belfast in 2007, with the office being the first such facility in the UK and Ireland to have its own dedicated environmental claims personnel that included environmental scientists and engineers.

The company is fully aware of the pool of talented resource in the region built on a foundation of an excellent education system, and Crawford is committed and confident that its business in Northern Ireland will remain a cornerstone of the entire UK and Ireland operation for many years to come.

Glen recognises the achievement of this significant milestone and says “As we celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary I would especially like to thank not only all our staff past and present but of course our many clients in Northern Ireland and beyond for their support. We are all very much excited by the prospects ahead.”

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**Notes to News Editor:**

Based in Atlanta, Ga., Crawford & Company ([www.crawfordandcompany.com](http://www.crawfordandcompany.com)) is the world's largest independent provider of claims management solutions to the risk management and insurance industry as well as self-insured entities, with an expansive global network serving clients in more than 70 countries. The Crawford System of Claims Solutions<sup>SM</sup> offers comprehensive, integrated claims services, business process outsourcing and consulting services for major product lines including property and casualty claims management, workers compensation claims and medical management, and legal settlement administration. The Company's shares are traded on the NYSE under the symbols CRDA and CRDB.

