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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> Shaunty Leslie						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Skyward Specialty Insurance Group, Inc.</u> [ <u>SKWD</u> ]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (spec					
(Last) 800 GES	(First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2024								GENERAL COUNSEL & SECRETARY						
SUITE 600				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Line	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(Street) HOUST	reet) OUSTON TX 77024											X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City) (State) (Zip)					Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication													
						Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.												
		Tab	le I - Noi	1-Deriv	ative Se	ecurities Ac	quired	, Dis	osed	of, o	or Ben	eficial	ly Owned	k				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D				action Day/Year)	Execution Date,		Transaction I Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)			Benefici Owned F	es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
						Code	v	Amount	t	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock 01/01				/2024		М		2,11	2	A	(1)	<sup>(1)</sup> 18,502 <sup>(2)</sup>		E				
		т				urities Acq ls, warrants							Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ivative Conversion Date Execution Date urity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr 8)		6. Date I Expiration (Month/I	on Date	Amount of				8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic		e O s Fo lly Di or I (l)	0. wnership orm: irect (D) r Indirect ) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 4) Amount or Number Date Exercisable Expiration Date Code ٧ (A) (D) Title Shares Restricted Common (1) 01/01/2024 Μ 2,112 (3) (3) 2,112 (1)0 D Stock Unit Stock

### Explanation of Responses:

1. Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents the right to receive, at settlement, one share of common stock of the issuer. This transaction represents the settlement of RSUs in shares of common stock on their scheduled vesting date.

2. The number of securities reported reflects the November 30, 2023 acquisition of 530 shares of the Company's common stock pursuant to the Skyward Specialty Insurance Group, Inc. 2022 Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") for the ESPP purchase period of June 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023.

3. On January 1, 2021, the reporting person was granted 2,112 RSUs. This award fully vested on January 1, 2024.

<u>/s/ Stacy E. Skelton, Attorney-</u> <u>in-Fact</u> 01/03/2024

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

#### Limited Power of Attorney for Section 16 Reporting Obligations

With respect to holdings of and transactions in securities issued by Skyward Specialty Insurance Group, Inc. (the "Company"), the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints the officers and/or employees of the Company listed on Schedule A attached hereto and as may be amended from time to time, or any of them signing singly, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, to act as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- 1. Execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules thereunder;
- 2. Do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- 3. Take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-infact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in the discretion of such attorney-in-fact.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution and resubstitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-facts substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.

The undersigned acknowledges that the attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is any Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Additionally, I hereby revoke, terminate, and make void all authorizations and/or designations of any individual as an attorney-infact executed prior to the date hereof to execute and file on my behalf SEC Section 16 forms of the Company.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 23rd day of March 2022.

<u>/s/Leslie Shaunty</u> LESLIE SHAUNTY

## Schedule A

Individuals Appointed as Attorney-in-Fact with Full Power of Substitution and Resubstitution.

1. Jillian Tisdel

2. Stacy E. Skelton