

Brent E. Adams

Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation

Past successes for Illinois:

- Partnered with legislative leaders, industry experts, and consumer advocates to develop and pass the Cemetery Oversight Act, one of the most pro-consumer cemetery laws in the country.
- Launched the Illinois Saves Account Program, which provides graduates of financial literacy programs with access to consumer friendly savings accounts.
- Chaired the Mortgage Fraud Task Force, which has taken disciplinary action against more than 100 persons and entities and assessed fines of nearly \$2 million.
- Coordinated the Mortgage Relief Project, a statewide program to help struggling homeowners take advantage of programs that can help them save their homes.
- Drafted and served as a lead negotiator for consumers on the Homeowner Protection Act, the Payday Loan Reform Act, the Consumer Installment Loan Reform Act, and regulations to protect consumers from predatory auto title loans.
- Led a successful campaign to increase Chicago's funding for HIV prevention.

Experience:

- Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
 - Secretary (2009-present)
 - Acting Deputy Secretary (2008-2009)
 - Acting Chief of Staff (2008-2009)
 - Acting Director of Policy (2008)
 - Acting Senior Deputy General Counsel (2007-2008)
 - Acting Director, Division of Financial Institutions (2007-2008)
 - Deputy General Counsel (2006-2007)
- Policy Director, Citizens for Giannoulis (2006)
- Policy Director, Citizen Action/Illinois (2003-2006)
- Policy Associate, AIDS Foundation of Chicago (2002-2003)
- Senior Associate, Katten Muchin Rosenman L.L.P. (1997-2002)

Board Experience (both professional and personal):

- Chair, Cemetery Oversight Board
- Member, Cemetery Oversight Task Force
- Member of the Board of Directors and Political Committee Chair, Personal PAC
- Member (former), Illinois Hospital Report Card Advisory Committee
- Member (former), Governor's Transition Team on HIV/AIDS
- Member of the Board of Directors (former), Howard Brown Health Center
- Member of the Board of Directors (former), American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Illinois
- Co-Chair (former), ACLU's Gay & Lesbian Advisory Committee

Education:

- Northwestern University, M.A. in Rhetoric and B.S. with distinction in Honors Communication Studies (1994)
- New York University School of Law, Juris Doctor (1997)

Personal Information:

- Born October 3, 1972, in Lake Charles, Louisiana; raised in Stillwater, Oklahoma
- Two cats: Bill Clinton & Lil' Bit
- Volunteer, Pets Are Worth Saving (PAWS)
- Completed 11 Marathons (Lifetime Goal: Fifty)