Jim L. Ridling, a native Arkansan who has lived and worked in Montgomery since 1987, was appointed Insurance Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Insurance by Governor Bob Riley on September 15, 2008. He was reappointed by Governor Robert Bentley in 2011 and Governor Kay Ivey in 2017.

Ridling is a graduate of the University of the Ozarks. Upon graduation, he entered a management training program with Fireman’s Fund Insurance, leading to several management positions and culminating in his service as Executive Vice President U.S. operations, based in California. In 1987, he left California and traded his interest in American Express (which owned Fireman’s Fund at the time) for ownership in Southern Guaranty, a Fireman’s Fund subsidiary headquartered in Montgomery, where he served as the company’s President and CEO. The following year, Southern Guaranty sold to Winterthur Swiss, and he remained in his previous role and added the duties of Chairman until his retirement in 2003.

Following his retirement from Southern Guaranty, Ridling and other local business leaders formed River Bank and Trust, where he currently serves on the Board of Directors. Ridling is a former chairman of the Board of Directors for Jackson Hospital and has served on the Board of Directors of the Montgomery Airport Authority, the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Central Alabama Community Foundation. He is a former Chairman of the River Region United Way and continues to be involved in local business, charitable and community activities.

Ridling is married to the former Catherine Turner, a native of Northern California. He has two daughters – Erin Ridling and the late Hannah Ridling.

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Wing-Heier attended North Central Michigan College and holds the Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) and Certified Risk Manager (CRM) designations.

As Director of the Alaska Division of Insurance, Wing-Heier oversees and enforces the Division's mission to regulate the insurance industry to protect Alaskan consumers.

Wing-Heier is a 30-year resident of Alaska. She makes her home with her family in Anchorage, where the Insurance Director position is located.
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Teo is founder and managing partner of BJ Company Investors LLC (a partnership), doing business in Utah, southern Idaho, western Wyoming and northern Nevada. BJ Company Investors LLC performs validation and valuation inspections for businesses, residential homes and mobile homes for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as well as banks and other financial institutions.

Teo is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran with 23 years of honorable service.

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Director Daniels has extensive experience in innovation policy, fintech, consumer protection, government affairs, and data privacy. At the Attorney General’s Office, Director Daniels managed several teams engaged in litigation, investigations, and in providing subject matter expertise, including oversight of Arizona’s first-in-the-nation regulatory “sandbox” for fintech, which since has been recognized as a national model that several other states have enacted.

Director Daniels’ previous experience also includes serving in the Arizona Attorney General’s Office as Chief Counsel of the Government Accountability Unit, Assistant Attorney General in the Government Accountability and Special Litigation Unit, and Assistant Attorney General in the Consumer Fraud Litigation Unit. Following law school, Director Daniels began his career as a judicial law clerk at the Arizona Court of Appeals.

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Most recently, McClain served as Commissioner of the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS). In this role, which he assumed in 2015, he administered the day-to-day operations of ARS, which administers the Federal Vocational Rehabilitation Act.

McClain has also served on the Arkansas Workforce Development Board and the Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities. He is a past president of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards & Commissions and the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation.

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As Senator, Lara expanded protections for disaster survivors from losing their homes to insurance cancellation and nonrenewal. He wrote the nation's first climate insurance law, SB 30, to engage the insurance industry in the fight against climate-linked environmental disasters like wildfires and sea level rise. Lara is one of California's most effective environmental champions, working to improve health conditions and rein in air pollution.

Lara received the United Nations 2017 Climate and Clean Air Award with former Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. and the California Air Resources Board for his work to reduce super pollutants.

Lara authored the Health4All Kids Act, which now covers 250,000 California children with full-scope health care regardless of their immigration status. He also authored laws that help prevent prescription drug abuse and crack down on patient brokering and fraud involving Californians recovering from substance abuse disorders.

Raised in East Los Angeles by immigrant parents, Lara made history in 2018 by becoming the first openly gay person elected to statewide office in California's history.

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Conway served as the DOI Deputy Commissioner for Consumer and Compliance Services since March 2016. He was instrumental in developing and guiding the DOI’s strategies regarding health insurance during what was a tumultuous time for that industry. He advised the previous Commissioner and the Governor’s staff regarding the possible implications of federal changes to the regulation of health insurance in Colorado. His duties also entailed appearing before state legislative committees to advocate for the DOI’s positions regarding insurance and its regulation. He cultivated relationships with consumer groups and insurance industry to create a regulatory environment that helped Colorado consumers but was a fair, level playing field for the industry. He also worked within the DOI to establish objectives that provided for better protection of insurance consumers.

From 2010 to 2016, Conway was an assistant Attorney General for the Colorado State Attorney General’s Office, where he represented the DOI in all facets of regulation of the insurance industry including mergers and acquisitions of insurance companies, insurer rehabilitation/liquidation, and producer and company licensure litigation. While in the Attorney General’s Office, he worked with the Colorado Attorney General Pro Bono Family Law Clinic, advising clients on matters of divorce and child custody. He also worked as an attorney for Colorado Legal Services, advocating for indigent clients regarding housing rights, homelessness prevention, evictions and subsidized housing.

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Mais has led discussions in several forums on race, diversity, and inclusion at the state level and within the insurance industry and in insurance practices. He has also joined the efforts led by Governor Ned Lamont and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz to address social inequities in Connecticut, including the Council on Women and Girls and cultural competency initiatives.

Mais is also a member of the NAIC's Special Executive Committee on Race and Insurance, charged with conducting research and analyzing issues of diversity and inclusion within the insurance sector.

Mais previously was a member of Deloitte’s Center for Financial Services, providing industry-leading thought leadership and insight on US and international regulatory affairs.

Prior to that, he was a Director at the New York State Insurance Department. There he served four governors as part of the Department's senior leadership team through numerous events including the financial crisis of 2008 and major state and federal changes in health insurance regulations and laws.

Even outside the government, Mais dedicated much of his life to public service. He most recently served as chair of the Council on Ethics for the town of Wilton, CT, where he lives. Other recent service includes the Maritime Aquarium of Norwalk; the American Red Cross; the Board of Finance of the Town of Wilton; and the Rotary Club of Wilton.

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A lifelong Delawarean, Navarro has an extensive record of public service and is committed to protecting Delaware consumers. He served more than 20 years with the New Castle County Police, retiring as the Public Information Officer after being elected as New Castle County Sheriff in 2010. While a police officer, he received the department’s distinguished Medal of Valor. Prior to that, he worked as a licensed insurance agent. He followed in the footsteps of his father, whose career was servicing the life and health insurance needs of his community. His father’s work demonstrated to him the importance of serving the people who have put their trust in you. Navarro put that lesson into action as an insurance agent, a police officer and as sheriff. He knows that serving the needs of the people is the hallmark of every profession and the obligation of every public servant.

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His public service career began as an intern in the FL Senate and the United Kingdom’s House of Commons. After graduation, Governor Lawton Chiles appointed him to the FL Elections Commission, and he was reappointed by Governor Jeb Bush. He served in the FL House of Representatives from 2006 to 2014, representing his hometown region in the FL Panhandle. He was appointed to serve on FL’s Public Service Commission, as well as the Constitution Revision Commission, which meets once every 20 years to propose changes to the state constitution.

Recognized for outstanding leadership in his hometown of Panama City and throughout FL, he is committed to active civic engagement and business development. He has chaired the Greater Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce’s Economic Development Council, served on the board of the Bay County Economic Development Alliance, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Bay County Chapter of the FL Restaurant and Lodging Association, and national president for the FL Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. He is a former trustee of the Gulf Coast Medical Center, and former director of the Bay Medical Center’s Foundation and Gulf Coast Community College Foundation Board. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Northwest FL Beaches International Airport in Panama City and has served as chairman and a board member of Bay County-Panama City International Airport and Industrial District.

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Altmaier began his public service at OIR in 2008, serving in a number of roles including Chief Analyst of the Property and Casualty Financial Oversight unit and Deputy Commissioner of Property and Casualty Insurance.

Altmaier was voted President of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) for 2021, after serving as President-Elect in 2020 and Vice President in 2019. In his role as NAIC President, Altmaier serves as Chair of the Executive Committee, Internal Administration Subcommittee, Government Relations Leadership Council, and Co-Chair of the Special Committee on Race and Insurance. Altmaier also serves as a Vice Chair of the Executive Committee for the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS), representing insurance regulators and supervisors of more than 200 jurisdictions worldwide.

Altmaier was appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to serve as a member of Florida’s Blockchain Task Force and during the COVID-19 pandemic, was selected as a member of the Governor’s Re-Open Florida Task Force Industry Working Group on Agriculture, Finance, Government, Healthcare, Management and Professional Services.

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A native of Mexico, King has created meaningful impact by building bridges among Doraville’s diverse populations and implementing youth education and crime-prevention programs. Recognizing Doraville's international composition, King made it a priority to hire bilingual police officers, place multiple languages on police cars, and ensure effective translators and public defenders were employed at the City Courthouse. His initiatives include Anti-Gang education programs for elementary school students and parents. King worked with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to establish an education program for prospective small business entrepreneurs and worked with state, county and local leaders to implement a safety and speed reduction program targeted on Buford Highway to reduce the number of pedestrian fatalities. King is also a member of Leadership DeKalb.

In addition to his role as Doraville’s Chief of Police, King serves as a Major General in the U.S. Army National Guard assigned to NORAD and U.S. Northern Command. He was the former Commander of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and has deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iraq and Afghanistan. He served as the Military Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Interior for Security for Afghanistan, an agency of over 96,000 police officers. He has won many awards for military and public service including the Bronze Star Medal and Combat Infantry Badge, meritorious service medals, and a NATO award for his service in both Bosnia and Afghanistan, among others. He also received the El Salvador gold medal for achievement in 2006.

King earned a Bachelor’s Degree in criminal justice and public administration from Brenau University and a Master’s Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He was a graduate of class #229 in the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA, and a graduate of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange program to Israel (GILEE). King is also fluent in Spanish.

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At the time of his appointment as Director, Cameron was serving his 13th term as senator for District 27 as the most senior member of the Idaho Senate. He was serving his 8th term as the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, which meets jointly with the House Appropriations Committee to set the budget for the state of Idaho.

He was the co-chair of a task force on health care and has sponsored nearly 20 pieces of health care legislation in his 24 years of service in the Idaho Senate.

Cameron was also former chairman of the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee, which handles all banking, business and insurance issues. He was the senior member of that committee until his resignation.

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It was her experience as a pharmacist that drew her to run for the Kansas Legislature, where she served 14 years, including 12 as a member of the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee and six as chair of the Public Health and Welfare Committee. On November 6, 2018, she was elected as Kansas Insurance Commissioner, with the largest vote total statewide. When she was sworn-in on January 14, 2019, she became the first pharmacist to serve as Kansas Insurance Commissioner and is the only pharmacist in America to hold a statewide office.

Since joining the NAIC, she has served as a member of the Life Insurance and Annuities (A) Committee, Health Insurance and Managed Care (B) Committee, Market Regulation and Consumer Affairs (D) Committee and currently chairs the Property and Casualty Insurance (C) Committee. She also serves as a member of the National Insurance Producer Registry Board, System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing Advisory Board and as a member of the Insurance Compact Management Committee.

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Commissioner Clark was the first director of the DOI’s Consumer Protection and Education Division, a position she held for five years. Under her leadership, the Department hired its first ombudsman, added consumer education and outreach functions, as well as strengthened enforcement efforts by expanding the number of consumer complaint investigators.

Commissioner Clark served as the chair of the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange Advisory Board during its inaugural year and continues as a board member. She is a member of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board and in the past has served as an officer of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and chair of the NAIC’s Market Regulation and Consumer Affairs Committee. Clark was also an officer for the NAIC’s Southeastern Zone and a past secretary-treasurer for the National Insurance Producer Registry board.

Prior to being appointed Insurance Commissioner, Clark worked at the Finance and Administration Cabinet. She also held positions for the Kentucky House of Representatives, the Public Service Commission, and the former Workforce Development Cabinet.

She earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Kentucky.

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During Donelon’s 15 years in office, he has overseen Louisiana’s recovery from the devastating hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and recently, the state’s worst hurricane season ever with five named storms making landfall in Louisiana. He has sought to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and transparency of insurance regulation, and to protect consumers by strengthening markets and improving consumer choice. Under his watch, 32 new homeowners insurance companies have started doing business in Louisiana since Hurricane Katrina.

Donelon served as President of the NAIC in 2013, becoming the first commissioner from Louisiana to hold that honor. He remains active in the NAIC and currently serves on its Executive (EX) Committee and as chair of the Surplus Lines (C) Task Force.

Born in New Orleans, Donelon received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of New Orleans and earned his J.D. from the Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.

Donelon was first elected to public office in 1975 when he became chairman of the Jefferson Parish Council. From 1981 to 2001 he served in the Louisiana House of Representatives, where he rose to the position of Chairman of the Committee on Insurance. Donelon joined the staff of the Louisiana Department of Insurance in 2001, serving as executive counsel and chief deputy commissioner before assuming office as Insurance Commissioner in February 2006. His public service career also includes 33 years in the Louisiana Army National Guard, where he retired with the rank of Colonel and received the prestigious Legion of Merit medal.

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Just prior to his role as the First Deputy, Anderson served as a Policy Advisor and Senior Counsel in the Massachusetts State Senate President’s Office, where he was involved in a number of policy areas, from the state’s broad efforts to control health care costs to all matters affecting the financial services sector.

Prior to his work in the Senate President’s Office, Anderson worked as the General Counsel for the Financial Services Committee, where he handled legislation related to insurance and banking.

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DIFS is the State of Michigan department responsible for regulating Michigan's financial industries, including banks, credit unions, and insurance and mortgage companies. DIFS provides a focal point for consumer protection, enables efficient and effective regulation, and positions the insurance and financial services sector of Michigan's economy for growth. The agency is staffed by more than 350 professionals dedicated to promoting economic growth and protecting Michigan consumers by ensuring that the companies that it regulates are safe and sound, follow state and federal law, and are entitled to the public confidence.

Ms. Fox has more than three decades of legal experience, including managing complex litigation in federal and state courts in Michigan and nationwide. She is a recognized authority in insurance coverage. She has lectured for Mealy's Insurance in the U.S. and abroad, in addition to teaching Insurance Law at Michigan State University College of Law.

Ms. Fox was inducted into the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel. She has also served in a staff advisory role on several U.S. Presidential campaigns and was appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm to serve as board member and legal counsel for a number of charitable foundations.

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Before joining the Department, Arnold led the development of individual and family plans at Bright Health, a Minneapolis-based health insurance carrier. Prior to her time at Bright Health, Arnold held a variety of positions at the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, most recently as Chief of Staff to the Chief Technology Officer. In that role, she helped lead the technology turnaround of healthcare.gov. Prior to her role in the Office of the CTO, she led risk adjustment policy making.

Arnold has a master’s degree in public health from George Washington University and holds an undergraduate degree in biology from Macalester College.

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An active member of the NAIC, Chaney serves on numerous committees, task forces and working groups. Among the issues he is involved in addressing are examination oversight, accounting practices, producer licensing, health insurance and managed care, senior issues, catastrophe and property and casualty insurance.

As Commissioner, he was inducted into the Insurance Hall of Fame at his alma mater, Mississippi State University. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the University of Mississippi Risk Management and Insurance program and its Professional Society. He has been named one of the top insurance professionals by Insurance Business America magazine and was named a Healthcare Hero by the Mississippi Business Journal. Chaney has served on numerous community development entities and corporate boards.

Chaney is also a Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow. He is a veteran of the United States Army, serving in Vietnam. Chaney and his wife, Mary, have three children and eight grandchildren.

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As State Auditor, Downing also serves on the Montana Board of Land Commissioners overseeing management and stewardship of state trust lands for the primary benefit of funding Montana’s public education system.

Downing began his career in education as a research scientist and educator at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences at New York University. In the 1990s, he founded a technology startup company that he successfully merged with Yahoo! Inc. Downing then went on to help other startup companies succeed through seed funding and mentorship. After his career in the tech industry, Downing founded a nationwide commercial insurance company and a nationwide real estate firm that creates, sells, and manages real estate investment securities.

Downing’s strong sense of public service led him to enlist after 9/11 in the U.S. Air Force/Air National Guard, serving eight years in a Combat Search and Rescue squadron and serving two tours of duty in Afghanistan. Today, he continues his service to veterans as an advisory board member to and volunteer for the Warriors and Quiet Waters Foundation, a Montana-based organization that uses fly fishing and Montana’s natural beauty as a simple, but powerfully effective, healing therapy for post-9/11 combat veterans and their families. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and as a Montana distillery co-owner, he produced and distributed millions of hand sanitizer bottles across the nation.

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Barbara is a graduate of Vassar College and has a law degree from the University of New Hampshire School of Law and an MBA from Loyola University in Chicago. She has been an active member on the national level of the NAIC's various Committees, Task Forces and Work Groups including most recently, the Innovation Task Force, the SERFF Board and the Antifraud Task Force. Barbara has three grown sons whom she is very proud of and who live throughout the United States.

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Before relocating to New Mexico in 2014, Toal served in several public service roles in Georgia, including Director of the State Cancer program, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Community Health, which was responsible for the state Medicaid, PeachCare, State Health Planning, and Indigent Care Trust Fund programs, as well as the State Health Benefit Plan offering health benefits to all state and school personnel. Prior to creation of the Department of Community Health, for 11 years, Toal was both a Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Medical Assistance. In those roles, he was responsible for planning, management, and administration of the Georgia Medicaid program, which had a budget of $3.2 billion and paid health benefits on behalf of more than 950,000 recipients to nearly 40,000 providers. His last role with Georgia was serving as the Director of the Georgia Southern University College of Public Health’s Center for Rural Health and Research.

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Lacewell previously served as executive director of a cancer foundation initiative in Culver City, California. Prior to that, Lacewell served as Chief Risk Officer and Counselor to Governor Cuomo where she built and implemented the first statewide system for ethics, risk and compliance in agencies and authorities.

Lacewell was formerly special counsel to the Governor, as well as the architect of OpenNY, a state-of-the-art open data initiative. She also served as special counsel to Attorney General Cuomo, where she oversaw the public pension fund pay-to-play investigation and the out-of-network health insurance investigation, both of which led to nationwide systemic reform. Prior to that, Lacewell spent nine years as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York, including two years on the Enron Task Force, and received the Henry L. Stimson Medal and the Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service.

Lacewell earned her B.A. from New College of the University of South Florida and her J.D. with honors from the University of Miami School of Law. She clerked for a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Lacewell serves as an adjunct professor at New York University School of Law, teaching ethics in government, and previously served as an adjunct professor of law at Fordham University School of Law, teaching international criminal law.
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He's a native of Guilford County and still lives in the same house on the Causey family farm where he grew up.

Commissioner Causey learned the values of hard work growing up on the family farm. After going off to school and serving the U.S. Army, Mike worked as a field engineer in the construction industry and then began his career in the insurance industry where he learned virtually every facet of the insurance industry - working as an agency manager, as superintendent of agencies and owning his own agency.

Commissioner Causey enjoys serving the citizens of North Carolina as the NC Department of Insurance meets the insurance and safety needs of North Carolina families and businesses.

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On a national level, Godfread has been an active voice in discussions about insurance regulations including use of technology, air ambulance service, and healthcare reinsurance. He currently chairs the NAIC's Innovation and Technology Task Force.

Prior to serving as Insurance Commissioner, Godfread was most recently Vice President of Governmental Affairs for the Greater North Dakota Chamber in Bismarck. His background also includes banking and professional athletics. He has held prominent roles in discussions around the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), across-the-board tax reductions for North Dakotans, creation of the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund, K–12 education efforts and more.

Godfread earned a law degree and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of North Dakota in 2011. He earned his bachelor’s degree in business with honors from the University of Northern Iowa in 2005.
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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Arnold I. Palacios have designated Mr. Edward M. Deleon Guerrero as Acting Secretary for the Department of Commerce effective March 28, 2021.

As part of his duties as the Acting Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Deleon Guerrero automatically became the Insurance Commissioner, Workers’ Compensation Commissioner and the Banking Director for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and is also the Registrar of Corporation.

Mr. Deleon Guerrero has extensive experience of over forty-seven (47) years government sectors. These experiences are in the various areas of leadership roles.

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Prior to becoming Director, French served as a justice of the Ohio Supreme Court and was the tenth woman to serve in that role in Ohio’s history. During her eight years on the court, Justice French participated in thousands of decisions and authored more than 100 opinions. In addition, she successfully pursued reforms to improve Ohio’s judiciary and justice system, and was appointed by the U.S. Chief Justice to serve on the Federal Appellate Rules Committee.

For nearly three decades, Director French has served the people of Ohio. Before becoming a justice, she served the state as an appellate judge, chief legal counsel to the governor, an assistant attorney general, and a state government lawyer. As an attorney representing the State of Ohio, she made two arguments before the United States Supreme Court.

Prior to joining the public sector, French worked as an attorney with the Columbus law firm of Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur, specializing in environmental law. She also served as in-house counsel for a large manufacturing company.

Director French received three degrees from The Ohio State University: a B.A. in political science, an M.A. in history (with a concentration in military history and strategic studies), and a J.D., with honors. She is a member of the Moritz College of Law National Council, and in 2018 was awarded the college's Distinguished Jurist Award for her work on the bench.

French currently resides in Grandview Heights, near Columbus, with her husband. They have two children and two grandchildren.

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Glen is a long-time insurance professional and private sector businessman who is a recognized leader and champion in the insurance industry. Starting as a broker in 1984, Glen rose to serve at the executive level of the two largest health insurance companies in Oklahoma. In 2007, he joined Benefit Plan Strategies, a company helping businesses provide employee benefits and health insurance to their employees.

Glen has served as President of both the Tulsa and Oklahoma State Health Underwriters Associations and has been named State Health Underwriter of the Year.

In 2010, Glen successfully ran for state representative and quickly became the point person for the House of Representatives on insurance issues and was appointed chairman of the Insurance Committee after the 2014 elections. In 2011, Governing Magazine named Glen as one of 17 “GOP Legislators to Watch.”

As an influential state representative, Glen passed legislation which expanded insurance options and resulted in more insurance companies offering service in the state. His consumer awareness was most evident when he reformed a state employee insurance program to save Oklahoma millions of dollars a year while also saving thousands of dollars for those families. Seeking to improve the Oklahoma business climate, Glen sponsored the Insurance Business Transfer (IBT) Act that is now law and is recognized as one of the most innovative pieces of insurance legislation nationally. Glen’s many successes led to him being tapped for the leadership position of Majority Floor Leader in 2017.

Glen and Sally, his wife of 32 years, are the proud parents of three teenage sons, Sam, Jake and Will. In 2008, Glen and Sally were the recipients of Leadership Tulsa’s Paragon Award for their work with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Glen is very active in the community having served on numerous boards and committees including Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund, March of Dimes, Shepherds Fold Ranch Christian Summer Camp, Crime Commission and Tulsa Tough.

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Previously, Stolfi spent six years in Switzerland at the International Association of Insurance Supervisors, most recently serving as chief operating officer and chief counsel. He was responsible for leading the operations, legal, communications, finance, risk management, and human resources functions. He was also a key advisor to the association’s Executive Committee and served as its first communications officer.

Before joining the association, Stolfi served in various senior management roles at the Illinois Department of Insurance, including acting director, chief of staff, and special counsel for policy and legislative affairs. In Illinois, he developed and managed all aspects of the department's legislative agenda and day-to-day operations.

Stolfi is an active participant at the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, where he was elected twice to the Executive Committee and serves as vice chair of the Consumer Liaison Committee and Health Innovations Working Group.

His legal background includes serving as attorney and policy analyst in the Office of the Governor of the State of Illinois, as judicial law clerk for the Honorable Thomas E. Hoffman in the Illinois Appellate Court, First District, and as a special assistant corporation counsel for the City of Chicago Law Department.

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Altman represented the department in a number of statewide initiatives including coordinating aspects of Health Innovation in Pennsylvania, which leverages funds from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ State Innovation Model Initiative and sitting as a board member for ABC-MAP, the Commonwealth’s initiative to implement a prescription drug monitoring program. She is also an active member of the NAIC, where she currently serves as Vice Chair of the Health Insurance and Managed Care (B) Committee, and the National Academy for State Health Policy, where she serves as Vice Chair of the Health Care Access & Finance Steering Committee.

Prior to joining the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Altman worked at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, where she developed policy and facilitated implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act. In addition, she analyzed policy for the health division of the White House Office of Management and Budget while completing her master’s degree.

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Mr. Mier Romeu holds a bachelor’s degree in Economics from Colby College in Maine. He worked as a financial analyst in firms such as Merrill Lynch, where he focused on investment banking, and developed financial projections. Mr. Mier Romeu also worked as a journalist at Puerto Rico’s principal newspaper "El Nuevo Dia", covering business, finance and government. He obtained a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Puerto Rico Law School, while pursuing graduate studies in mathematics as well as teaching the subject at the UPR. As an attorney, he has worked for major law firms in Puerto Rico, in cases related to regulation, coverage, and products in the insurance industry, as well as commercial and contractual litigation, torts, and arbitration.

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Ms. Dwyer is a member of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and has served as Chair and Vice Chair of various Committees, Task Forces and Working Groups. She currently serves as Chair of the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact (IIPRC) and Restructuring Mechanisms (E) Working Group; Co Chair of the Producer Licensing (D) Task Force; Vice Chair of the Financial Regulation Standards and Accreditation (F) Committee and the Big Data (EX) Working Group and Secretary/Treasurer of the National Insurance Producers Registry (NIPR) Board of Directors.

Ms. Dwyer is a past president of the Rhode Island Women's Bar Association and served on the Rhode Island Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Gender in the Courts. She was awarded the 2010 Rhode Island Attorney General's Justice Award for Consumer Protection. She completed the Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program at Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government Executive Education.

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In 2014, he was named the Industry Person of the Year from the Independent Agents and Brokers of South Carolina. In 2017, Mr. Farmer received The Order of the Palmetto from Governor Haley, the state's highest civilian honor awarded to citizens of South Carolina for extraordinary lifetime service and achievements of national or statewide significance. In 2018, Mr. Farmer oversaw the passing of the Data Security Law – a law that is the first in the nation to require insurance companies to have a comprehensive and secure plan to protect consumer data. Mr. Farmer also has the honor of serving as the Immediate Past President for the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

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Previously, Lawrence served as Assistant Commissioner for the Regulatory Boards Division at the Department of Commerce and Insurance where he oversaw more than 40 fee reductions while improving measured customer service, modernizing business practices to faster license professionals and successfully removed burdensome regulations. In 2019, Lawrence briefly served as Interim Commissioner for Governor Bill Lee.

As Tennessee’s Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance, Lawrence is the state fire marshal and is responsible for the divisions of insurance, fire prevention, regulatory boards – including twenty-six regulatory entities, TennCare Oversight, and the administratively attached Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy, Tennessee Police Officer Standards and Training Commission and Tennessee Emergency Communications Board. In 2020, the department collected approximately $1.25 billion in fees and premium taxes and had expenditures of $225 million.

Lawrence is an attorney who studied law at the University of Tennessee, where he also obtained a Master of Business Administration. For undergraduate studies, Carter obtained a Bachelor of Arts at Wheaton College in Illinois.

Lawrence is a Nashville-area native. He and his wife, Amy, are the proud parents three children – two boys, Alister and Titus, and a girl, Penelope. Together with their old dog, Otto, they are residents of the Nipper’s Corner area of Nashville and attend church at Nashville’s Church of the Redeemer.

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Pike was raised in Salt Lake City and has worked in several positions with Intermountain Healthcare since 1990 and since 1995 in St. George. Prior to his appointment as Commissioner, he worked as the southwest Utah operations director for SelectHealth, the health insurance division of Intermountain Healthcare. Pike’s career has focused on physician relations and contracting, broker relations, sales management, and government and community liaison. He has been a member of the National Association of Healthcare Underwriters and the Utah Association of Healthcare Underwriters for many years.

In 2007, Pike was elected to the St. George City Council and in 2013 he was elected mayor of St. George. He serves on the boards of Dixie State University, Dixie Technology College, the Washington County Water Conservancy District, Encircle St. George, and previously as the president of the Utah League of Cities and Towns. He has served as the chair of the Rural Matters group for the Cox-Henderson Transition Team.

Pike received a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Utah and an MBA from Westminster College. Pike loves singing, playing the piano, organ, and guitar, as well as water and snow skiing, motorcycling and walking or biking on St. George's many trails. He and his wife Kristy have five children and four grandchildren.

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He earned a B.A. in Journalism from the University of Missouri and a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law. While attending law school, he clerked in the Office of the Governor’s Legal Counsel, the Office of the U.S. Attorney, and the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands. Upon graduating, he worked in the Territorial Court’s Civil and Family divisions and in private practice. He has been a member of the Virgin Islands Bar since 1991.

Roach began his career in public service as Legal Counsel to the Commissioner of Education, where he served for more than eight years before being selected as Executive Director of the Board of Education. In 2006, he was selected by the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) to lead a program of public education in support of the Fifth Constitutional Convention. During this consultancy, he served as the Coordinator/Researcher of the Constitution 2008. He also represented UVI at United Nations (UN) Decolonization Seminars in Grenada and Indonesia. Although the UVI project ended in 2008, the UN qualified Roach as an expert on constitutional development processes in the U.S. territories and invited him on his own merits to a third Decolonization Seminar in St. Kitts in 2009.

He joined the UVI adjunct faculty from 1999 to 2012, teaching courses in the Humanities and a Constitutional Law course in the education graduate program. Other UVI projects, include the Legacy Report of President Emeritus LaVerne E. Ragster, Ph.D., a major environmental project with the U.S. EPA, launch of the Center for the Study of Spirituality and Professionalism, and Editor in Chief of its award-winning international literary journal.

Roach was elected to the 30th-32nd legislatures as a staunch advocate for education, the environment, and the youth and elderly of the Territory. He was nominated to the Education and the Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety committees of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and instrumental in the 2014 adoption of a resolution supporting full citizenship rights for those living in the Territory. In 2016, he presented a similar resolution that resulted in a full NCSL conference session devoted to the affairs of the remaining U.S. territories.

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Kreidler earlier served in the state legislature and the United States Congress. He was a member of the Northwest Power Planning Council and a regional director for the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

A doctor of optometry, Kreidler practiced at Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound for 20 years. He has a master’s degree in Public Health from UCLA and was a founding director of a community bank. He retired as a lieutenant colonel from the United States Army Reserve in 2003 with 20 years of service.

Of the current NAIC membership, Kreidler is the longest-serving insurance commissioner in the United States. He was honored in 2009 with the “Excellence in Consumer Advocacy Award” presented by consumer advisors to the NAIC, and with the “2010 Leadership Award” by the Statewide Poverty Action Network.

Mike Kreidler
Commissioner

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Re-elected: November 2004
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Dodrill is a 1982 graduate with honors (Summa Cum Laude) of Marshall University, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He earned his Juris Doctorate degree from the West Virginia University College of Law in 1985, where his class ranking was 18th out of 119 graduates.

From 1985 until 1999, Dodrill was in private practice in West Virginia, during which time he tried dozens of felony and misdemeanor criminal cases and civil cases in the state and federal courts of West Virginia. He also participated in numerous appellate matters in multiple state and federal appellate courts that resulted in eight published appellate decisions. Dodrill is admitted to the practice of law before the United States Supreme Court, the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Fourth and Sixth Circuits, the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of West Virginia and the Southern District of Ohio, and the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

From 1999 to 2019, Dodrill was Corporate Claims Counsel for The Progressive Group of Insurance Companies, responsible for corporate claims litigation and risk management as well as supervision of high exposure/special complexity insurance-related legal matters involving conflicts of law, multi state/multi party claims, appellate actions, and bad faith/extra-contractual institutional litigation nationally, as well as government relations and legislative affairs.

Dodrill retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard, he has continued to serve in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, and is now a Colonel and serving a four-year term as Commander of CAP’s West Virginia Wing. Dodrill's uniformed service totals more than 40 years.

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Before joining American Family in 1994, Afable directed legislative and regulatory efforts in several states for Allstate Insurance Company, where he first became involved with the NAIC. Earlier in his career, Afable focused his efforts on insurance policy and legislative issues as counsel for the National Association of Independent Insurers (NAII) in Des Plaines, Illinois.

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