

## **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.
- 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 new 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.
- Developed financial literacy grant program to provide \$50,000 grants to three community organizations that have developed financial literacy education programs.
- Led a successful campaign to increase Chicago's funding for HIV prevention.

### **Experience:**

- Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
  - 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 Giannoulas (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, Illinois Hospital Report Card Advisory Committee
- Steering Committee Member, Center on Halsted
- Member, Governor's Transition Team on HIV/AIDS
- Member of the Board of Directors, Howard Brown Health Center
- Member of the Board of Directors, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Illinois
- Co-Chair, 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:**

- DOB: 10/3/1972
- Hometown: Stillwater, Oklahoma
- Completed Nine Marathons (Lifetime Goal: Fifty)