



## Department of Financial and Professional Regulation: Executive Team

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## **Deborah Hagan. Secretary of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation**

For over 36 years, Hagan has been a strong and exemplary advocate for consumer protection in the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. In her role as leader of the Consumer Protection Division, she advanced and defended the interests of Illinois consumers in critical areas such as mortgage origination and servicing, student loan servicing, debt collection, identity theft and other areas of financial risk.

Hagan has played a critical leadership role in many groundbreaking settlements on the state and national level, helping to recover billions of dollars in restitution for victims of consumer fraud and other wrongful conduct. In addition to her current role which she has held since 2004, Hagan has served as bureau chief, deputy bureau chief and assistant attorney general.

She received her Juris Doctor from the University of Dayton School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts in political science from Miami University.



### Chasse Rehwinkel, Acting \*Director of the Division of Banking

Chasse Rehwinkel was appointed Acting Director of Banking for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation in June of 2019. Previous to his appointment Mr. Rehwinkel served as the Chief Economist and Director of the Bond Division for the Illinois Office of Comptroller where he worked on issues of state liquidity, public budgeting, debt issuance and access to capital. Mr. Rehwinkel has served as the Comptroller's advisor on inter-fund borrowing, short-term lending, bond issuance and other fiscal issues. He has also counseled the Comptroller on a number of Boards and Commissions, including the Illinois State Board of Investment, State Employees' Retirement System and Illinois Secure Choice.

Prior to his role with the Comptroller's office, Mr. Rehwinkel was the Director of Policy for the Illinois State Treasurer, where he oversaw the creation of the National ABLI Alliance, a coalition of 16 different state governments that created a set of affordable savings programs for people with disabilities.

He received his Master in Public Policy with a focus in municipal finance from the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy and his Bachelor's Degree from Gettysburg College. Chasse is a member of the American Economic Association and the Midwest Economic Association and has served on the board of the Society of Government Economists.

*\* Appointment pending confirmation by the Illinois Senate.*



## **Francisco Menchaca, Director of the Division of Financial Institutions**

Francisco Menchaca was appointed Director of the Division of Financial Institutions in July 2013. He previously served the Department as Credit Union Supervisor, a position he had held since October 2012.

Prior to joining the State of Illinois, Mr. Menchaca spent over twenty years of his career in the banking and the financial services industry, notably serving as a Vice President at JP Morgan Chase before he served at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

He is a proponent of robust public-private partnerships, entrepreneurship and community economic development, citing his youth in the Pilsen/Little Village

neighborhood as his inspiration.

Mr. Menchaca received his Bachelor of Arts from Northwestern University and his Master of Business Administration from the University of Illinois – Chicago.



## Cecilia Abundis, Acting \*Director of the Division of Professional Regulation

Cecilia Abundis was appointed Acting Director of the Division of Professional Regulation for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation in May of 2019. Previously, she was an attorney in the Consumer Fraud Bureau of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office. Ms. Abundis investigated companies and/or individuals for violations of Illinois’ consumer protection laws; including mortgage lending institutions, mortgage brokers, for-profit schools, unauthorized immigration services providers and “notarios”, car dealerships, auto manufacturers and suppliers, and auto finance companies. Additionally, Ms. Abundis helped train Mexican prosecutors in trial advocacy skills in collaboration with the Conference of Western

Attorneys General’s Alliance Partnership.

Prior to her role with the Illinois Attorney General’s Office in 2006, Ms. Abundis worked at the Lawyers’ Committee for Better Housing, where she started in 2001 as a law clerk and then became an Equal Justice Works (“EJW”) Fellow in 2004. As an EJW Fellow, she created the source of income project where she represented tenants and fair housing organizations who were victims of housing discrimination and tenants facing eviction. Ms. Abundis continues volunteering with Equal Justice Works as an alumni reviewer of project proposals submitted by prospective EJW Fellows.

Ms. Abundis graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and earned her J.D. from DePaul University College of Law.

In 2015, Ms. Abundis was awarded the Excellence in Legal Service award by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund at its Chicago Gala. Ms. Abundis is also the recipient of the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Service Award from the Latino Law Student Association of DePaul University College of Law.

Ms. Abundis is fluent in Spanish and conversant in French and Italian.

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## **Mario Treto, Jr., Director of the Division of Real Estate**

Mario Treto, Jr. serves as the Director of the Division of Real Estate (“DRE”) for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“IDFPR”) since his appointment by Governor Pritzker in March of 2019. Mr. Treto previously served as the Deputy City Attorney for the City of Evanston, where he provided legal counsel to its elected officials, departments, and staff with compliance, transactional, and corporate matters. He also worked at a Chicago firm focusing his law practice in commercial & residential real estate, corporate law, and commercial transactions.

In addition, Mr. Treto serves on various civic boards and committees. He is Chairman of the Howard Brown Health Board of Directors, the largest LGBTQ organization in the Midwest and federally qualified health center with ten clinics and a youth center serving 40,000 patients, as well as President of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law Latino Alumni Board and Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow. He volunteers his legal services to Wills for Heroes, providing free legal documents to first responders, and sits on the Board of Directors for the Saltbox Theatre Collective, a nonprofit community-based theatre company. Various organizations, including the International Municipal Lawyers Association, the Hispanic National Bar Association, and the National LGBT Bar have recognized Treto’s accomplishments. He has received leadership accolades from Crain’s Business Magazine, Business Equality Magazine, Chicago Scholars, and Hispanic business publication, Negocios Now. In 2018 he was presented with the Annual Cook County State’s Attorney Humanitarian Annual Award.

Mario Treto, Jr. was born in the Little Village neighborhood of Chicago, Illinois and subsequently moved to Melrose Park, Illinois. Treto now lives in the Chicago neighborhood of Lakeview. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Biology and Psychology from Washington University in St. Louis and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law.