



KANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Vicki Schmidt, Commissioner

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Commissioner Vicki Schmidt names new Director of Government and Public Affairs

Topeka, Kan. – Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, announced Eric Turek as the new Director of Government and Public Affairs for the Kansas Insurance Department. Turek joins the Department after serving the past six years as the Director of Communications for the Speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives, Ron Ryckman.

“Eric has an exceptional familiarity of the legislative process and policymaking,” Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt said. “I am thrilled to have him oversee the Department’s government affairs operations and lead our advocacy efforts.”

The mission of the Kansas Insurance Department is to regulate, educate, and advocate. As part of this mission, the Department regularly engages with public officials and industry leaders to promote the empowerment and protection of consumers, agents and companies.

“I am tremendously honored to work for Commissioner Schmidt and the Kansas Insurance Department,” Turek said. “I look forward to harnessing my experience working for the Legislature and my relationships with government and policy stakeholders alike to develop and execute successful strategies for the Department.”

Prior to working for Speaker Ryckman, Turek worked as Legislative Director for Senate President Susan Wagle and interned for Governor Sam Brownback and then Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer. Turek will be formally joining the Department at the beginning of September.

“Eric has been a tremendous asset to the Speaker's Office and has worked tirelessly over the last six years to help advance prudent and practical policy,” Speaker Ron Ryckman said. “I am extremely confident that he will excel in this new role and will be a dependable resource for the Insurance Department in the Statehouse.”

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