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Vicki Schmidt, Commissioner _

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Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt names Acting Securities Commissioner

Topeka, Kan. –Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, announced that she has named Dan Klucas as acting Securities Commissioner while he awaits Senate confirmation.

Klucas joins the Securities Commission after serving 16 years in law enforcement and 13 years in various management roles for the State of Kansas including Deputy Secretary at the Department for Children and Families and Chief Operating Officer at the Office of Information Technology Services.

"Dan is a seasoned leader; he brings a unique blend of managerial and operational expertise to the role, including strategic planning, project management and a law enforcement background," Insurance Commissioner Schmidt said. "I am eager to put his experience to work in the Securities division of the Insurance Department to continue improving operations and streamlining services."

"It's an honor to be named Securities Commissioner," said Dan Klucas. "I look forward to working beside Commissioner Schmidt to regulate the industry, advocate for those who have fallen victim to securities fraud and educate Kansans about best practices and bad actors."

In 2017, the Kansas Legislature moved the Securities Commission under the purview of the Insurance Department. The Securities Commissioner is appointed by the Insurance Commissioner and confirmed by the Kansas Senate. In 2019, Commissioner Vicki Schmidt physically merged the Securities Commission with the Insurance Department to realize additional administrative efficiencies.

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