



Kansas Department of Insurance

Commissioner Vicki Schmidt

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Commissioner Schmidt names new General Counsel

Topeka, Kan. – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, announced that Steven Karrer will join the Kansas Department of Insurance as General Counsel. Karrer joins the Department after practicing law in the public sector for over 20 years.

“I am pleased to welcome Steve to our team at the Department,” said Commissioner Schmidt. “His knowledge of public policy, his background as a prosecutor, and his dedication as a 20-year public servant will be a great asset to not only the Department and the industries we regulate, but to the people of Kansas.”

Karrer currently serves as a Deputy District Attorney in the Shawnee County District Attorney’s Office. Prior to that, Karrer served at the Kansas Attorney General’s Office for over 12 years as an Assistant Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General, leading the office’s Fraud and Abuse Litigation Division. Karrer is a graduate from Nebraska Wesleyan University and Washburn Law School.

“I am honored for the opportunity to join Commissioner Schmidt and the Department to continue serving the citizens of Kansas,” said Karrer.

Karrer replaces Justin McFarland, who served as General Counsel for the Department since 2019.

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*The Kansas Department of Insurance was established in 1871, currently led by Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. The mission of the Department is to **regulate** companies that sell policies in Kansas to ensure solvency and compliance with state law, **educate** consumers about all things insurance and securities, and **advocate** for a strong and competitive market to give Kansans choices when shopping for products that meet their needs.*