## **Dan Lewis**

## **Director of Legislative Affairs**



Dan Lewis serves as the Legislative Director for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation ("IDFPR"). In this role, Lewis leads the Department's Office of Legislation, which engages with legislators, lobbyists, and advocates to ensure that any legislation relevant to the Department's work will be in the best interest of the agency and the people of Illinois. He will also assist in developing departmental policies and regulations and guiding them through the legislative process.

Lewis previously served as Legislative Director for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources ("IDNR"), focusing on the passage of legislation that protected the state's natural and cultural heritage and encouraged Illinoisans to enjoy the outdoors. Under Lewis, the Department introduced and passed several multi-million dollar budgets and a wide range of legislative initiatives supporting the Department's important work. Prior to his promotion to Legislative

Director, Lewis served as IDNR's Legislative Liaison and as an advisor to the Chief of Staff.

Prior to joining the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Lewis served on United States Senator Richard J. Durbin's staff for five years in his Springfield office, where he worked with communities on federal grants and assisted Illinoisans from across the state with issues related to taxes, healthcare, the environment, and more. Lewis has served in leadership capacities on federal, state, and local political campaigns and within several political organizations. He currently serves on the Village of Chatham's Planning Commission and Utility Oversight Commission.

Lewis earned a bachelor's degree from Illinois College in Jacksonville with majors in Political Science and History. During his time in college, Lewis won several awards for his writings in The Rambler, the student-run newspaper, and for his service in the student government organization. He resides in Chatham with his wife, Allie, and two-year-old son, Oliver. In his spare time, Lewis enjoys binge-watching tv shows, cheering for the Indiana Hoosiers basketball team, cooking for his picky family, and visiting state parks.