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Louis Klapp serves as the General Counsel of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. In this capacity, Klapp is the Department's principal legal advisor, working closely with the Secretary, Division Directors, and executive staff. He leads the Office of Legal Affairs and oversees over 30 employees, including the Deputy General Counsels for the Divisions of Professional Regulation, Real Estate, Banking, and Financial Institutions.

Klapp also supervises the Department's administrative hearings, labor relations, Freedom of Information Act compliance, legislative legal affairs, and is charged with enforcing standards of professional practice and protecting the rights of Illinois residents.

Before joining IDFPR, Klapp worked in private practice. Most recently, he was a partner and co-leader of the Intellectual Property Team at Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP. His practice focused on litigating patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, and other complex

commercial disputes in courts throughout the United States. He also advised clients on intellectual property issues in business transactions and other non-litigation contexts. He represented clients in a wide variety of industries, including healthcare, real estate, software, and electronics. Klapp also maintained a pro bono practice focused on civil liberties and civil rights, and he served on the board of directors of a prominent civil liberties organization.

Louis received his bachelor's degree from Cornell University, his master's degree from Princeton University, and his juris doctor's degree from Northwestern University. He lives in Chicago with his partner, Ben.

