David Berland

Deputy Director



David Berland was appointed Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Institutions ("DFI") for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation ("IDFPR") on September 1, 2025. DFI licenses, charters, and examines a wide variety of financial products and services, including consumer credit companies, collection agencies, title insurance companies, credit unions, money transmitters, and currency exchanges. Berland assists in managing and leading all operations of DFI, ensuring the Division administers its statutory responsibilities in an efficient, professional, responsive, and innovative manner. Berland also focuses on consumer protection matters by vigorously enforcing the laws and rules applicable to financial institutions.

Berland joined IDFPR in January 2020 as Deputy General Counsel for DFI. In that role, Berland litigated enforcement actions resulting in approximately \$7.5 million in fines and direct monetary relief for consumers. Berland also drafted notable consumer protection legislation, including the Uniform Money Transmission Modernization Act, the Digital Asset Kiosk Act, and rules to implement Illinois' historic Predatory Loan Prevention Act and Illinois Community Reinvestment Act. Berland's leadership was also integral to the

implementation of Illinois' Community Reinvestment Act, which was the first of its kind in the Midwest (this act incentivizes more safe lending into low-and moderate-income communities by Illinois financial institutions).

Previously, Berland worked as an attorney at the Civilian Office of Police Accountability for the City of Chicago, overseeing complex investigations involving alleged police misconduct and officer-involved shootings. Berland also formerly worked at Prairie State Legal Services as an attorney, representing consumers in a variety of matters (including affirmative litigation pursuant to the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and Illinois Consumer Fraud Act).

Berland holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Gies College of Business and a juris doctorate from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign College of Law. He lives in Chicago with his wife, Maggie, and daughter, Louise.

