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Ericka Johnson

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Ericka Johnson serves as the Deputy Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR). She is a principal advisor to the Secretary and assists in developing and implementing policies, goals, and strategies for the agency's four divisions: Banking, Financial Institutions, Professional Regulation, and Real Estate. In her role, Johnson also focuses on collaborative policymaking, budget management, and initiatives that impact approximately 1.2 million licensees across Illinois.

Prior to being appointed to this role in November 2023, Johnson served as Deputy Director of the Division of Real Estate at IDFPR, where she managed and led multiple executive-level projects. Johnson spearheaded the creation and implementation of the Division of Real Estate's *How to Series*, an interactive workshop that tours the state with the aim of breaking down barriers and teaching diverse candidates how to enter the appraisal profession.

Johnson also previously served as the Chief of Real Estate Prosecutions at IDFPR, where she led a team of talented attorneys to a sharp reduction in backlogs by implementing modernized systems to support attorneys and staff.

Before joining IDFPR in 2018, Johnson was a career litigator with over a decade and a half of experience in the courtroom. Her experience representing the People of the State of Illinois at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office shaped her ability to solve complex problems and navigate the intersection of law and public policy.

Johnson served as Acting Chair of the Illinois Real Estate Valuation Task Force in 2024 where she was the driving force behind the drafting of the Task Force's initial report, *Exploring the Roots: Appraisal Disparities, Regulatory Insights, and Real Estate Valuation Challenges in Illinois*. She also serves as a Commissioner on the Transportation Commission for the Village of Oak Park, Illinois.

Johnson earned her Juris Doctor from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts in Government, with honors, from The University of Texas at Austin. Johnson is a member of the Bar of the United States Supreme Court, the General Bar of the Northern District of Illinois, and the Illinois State Bar. She is a member of the Association of Real Estate License Law Officials (ARELLO), where she previously served on the Fair Housing Committee, the Association of Appraisal Regulatory Officials (AARO), the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS), and the National Association of State Chartered Credit Union Supervisors (NASCUS).

