



# IDFPR

Illinois Department of  
Financial and Professional Regulation



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## Public Information Officer



Steven Johnson serves as the Public Information Officer for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), where he leads the agency's communications and public affairs strategy. In this role, he acts as the Department's spokesperson, manages media relations, and develops messaging that informs and engages the public, stakeholders, and news media about IDFPR's mission and services.

Johnson is the primary liaison between the Department and the public, providing timely information and accurate responses to media inquiries, and coordinating outreach initiatives that strengthen community engagement. He also provides strategic guidance to leadership on communication efforts that support IDFPR's regulatory and consumer protection goals.

Prior to joining IDFPR, Johnson worked as a journalist for nearly two decades. Most recently, he served as the public health reporter for *U.S. News & World Report*, where he covered a range of issues that included infectious disease threats, social determinants of health, and health disparities among marginalized communities. Throughout his career, Johnson has written for various publications, including *Crain Communications*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Progress Illinois*, *The Chicago Reporter*, and *The Courier-News* in Elgin, Illinois.

Johnson earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Columbia College Chicago and a master's degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

