Colorado



Michael Conway
Commissioner
Western Zone

Term of Office:
At the Pleasure of the Governor
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Confirmed: January 22, 2019

Michael Conway was appointed Commissioner of the Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI) by Governor Jared Polis on Dec. 21, 2018, and confirmed by the State Senate on Jan. 22, 2019. Prior to this, he was appointed Interim Commissioner of the DOI by Governor John Hickenlooper in January 2018.

As Commissioner, Conway serves as the chief executive of the DOI and oversees the regulation of Colorado's insurance industry. His role brings together consumers, the insurance industry and other stakeholders to create an inclusive, firm and fair regulatory approach to all lines of insurance such as auto, health, homeowners, life, property and casualty, title and workers' compensation.

Conway served as the DOI Deputy Commissioner for Consumer and Compliance Services since March 2016. He was instrumental in developing and guiding the DOI's strategies regarding health insurance during what was a tumultuous time for that industry. He advised the previous Commissioner and the Governor's staff regarding the possible implications of federal changes to the regulation of health insurance in Colorado. His duties also entailed appearing before state legislative committees to advocate for the DOI's positions regarding insurance and its regulation. He cultivated relationships with consumer groups and insurance industry to create a regulatory environment that helped Colorado consumers but was a fair, level playing field for the industry. He also worked within the DOI to establish objectives that provided for better protection of insurance consumers.

From 2010 to 2016, Conway was an assistant Attorney General for the Colorado State Attorney General's Office, where he represented the DOI in all facets of regulation of the insurance industry including mergers and acquisitions of insurance companies, insurer rehabilitation/liquidation, and producer and company licensure litigation. While in the Attorney General's Office, he worked with the Colorado Attorney General Pro Bono Family Law Clinic, advising clients on matters of divorce and child custody. He also worked as an attorney for Colorado Legal Services, advocating for indigent clients regarding housing rights, homelessness prevention, evictions and subsidized housing.

With the exception of three years spent in Miami for law school, Conway has called Colorado home for nearly 20 years since moving to attend the University of Colorado at Boulder.

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