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Governor Rauner Appoints Anastasia Palivos and D. Ethan Kimbrel to Five-Year Terms as ICC Commissioners

Springfield, IL...Effective January 19, 2018, Governor Bruce Rauner appointed Anastasia Palivos and D. Ethan Kimbrel to five-year terms at the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC).

“Acting Commissioners Palivos and Kimbrel’s legal backgrounds and previous experience working at the ICC have prepared them well for the role of Commissioner. I look forward to serving with both of them in their new capacity, and applaud Governor Rauner for his ongoing commitment to appointing the most diverse regulatory commission in the country,” said ICC Chairman Brien J. Sheahan.

An Illinois native, Acting Commissioner Palivos is the first Greek-American woman appointed to the Commission and at 28, the youngest-ever appointed commissioner. Acting Commissioner Kimbrel is the first African-American to hold the chief administrative law judge position in the Commission’s history.

“I am honored by this appointment and grateful to Governor Rauner for his commitment to investing in the next generation of leaders in government. Public service is important to me, and I am humbled by the opportunity to serve the citizens of our state. I look forward to having an open and transparent dialogue with all interested parties and stakeholders and am ready to tackle the challenges ahead as we navigate the future of the industries we regulate,” said Palivos.

“I look forward to my new role at the Commission and working with the Chairman and Commissioners in this new capacity,” said Kimbrel. “My understanding of the complex issues that come before the Commission and the agency’s policies and procedures allow me to bring a unique perspective to this exciting role. With nearly 13 year of government experience, I’m honored by the opportunity to continue as a public servant.”

Prior to her appointment, Acting Commissioner Palivos was the ICC's legal and policy advisor to the chairman from April 2015 to July 2016, and most recently worked as a business development strategy analyst for a Chicago-based health intelligence firm. She graduated magna cum laude from DePaul University, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. She later earned her law degree there as well. Palivos is a founding member of the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation, which provides philanthropic support for cancer research teams at Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University.

Acting Commissioner Kimbrel has worked as an administrative law judge for the ICC since 2007, and its chief administrative law judge since April 2015. Prior to working at the ICC, Kimbrel provided legal work for a number of Chicago law offices. He also worked as a legislative analyst for the Office of the Illinois Senate President in the late 1990s and as a judicial law clerk for the Illinois Appellate Court in Chicago in the early 2000s. Kimbrel received a bachelor of arts in political science from the University of Chicago and earned his law degree at George Washington University National Law Center.

The appointments of Palivos and Kimbrel await confirmation by the Illinois State Senate.

The ICC has five Commissioners, one of whom is designated Chairman by the Governor. Each Commissioner is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Illinois State Senate for a five-year term.

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About the Illinois Commerce Commission

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