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## **Governor JB Pritzker Appoints Carrie Zalewski as ICC Commissioner**

CHICAGO...Effective March 29, 2019 Governor JB Pritzker appointed Carrie Zalewski to a five-year term at the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC).

Acting Commissioner Zalewski is an accomplished, well-respected attorney with extensive public service as a state regulator. She has served on the Illinois Pollution Control Board since 2009, where she helped decide complex environmental cases under the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, shaped critical rulemaking and worked to properly balance the interests of Illinois businesses and residents while protecting Illinois' land, air, and water. She was appointed under Democratic and Republican governors and earned the respect of her peers and stakeholders directly involved in Board decisions.

"I have worked diligently to develop a reputation for thoughtful consideration and fair, balanced regulation as a member of the Pollution Control Board. I will bring that same approach to this tremendous opportunity to serve the people of Illinois on some very important issues at the Illinois Commerce Commission," said Zalewski. "I thank Governor Pritzker and his team for their faith in nominating me to serve in this position, and I look forward to getting to work on the complex issues at the ICC."

"We are pleased to welcome Acting Commissioner Carrie Zalewski to the Commission and look forward to working with her during these very transformative times in our state's energy history. Her wealth of knowledge on environmental issues, and expertise as an attorney, engineer and state regulator will serve the Commission well," said Chairman Brien J. Sheahan.

Before serving on the Illinois Pollution Board, Zalewski was Assistant Chief Counsel for the Illinois Department of Transportation. She deftly handled various environmental issues regarding NPDES permits and leaking underground storage tanks. She also provided counsel on other air, land, water and transportation safety issues. She has also worked in private practice.

Acting Commissioner Zalewski earned her Juris Doctor at the Chicago-Kent Law School and her Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is a 2008 graduate of the Illinois Women in Leadership Program.

She is active in her community having donated her time to the Chicago Youth Centers and the Cameron Can Foundation, as well as serving on the Greater LaGrange YMCA Board. She has been recognized for her leadership and commitment to community having been awarded the YMCA Vision Award in 2012, and named one of Cook County's "Unsung Heroes" in 2015.

The appointment of Zalewski awaits confirmation by the Illinois State Senate.

For more information about Acting Commissioner Zalewski and other ICC Commissioners [click here](#).

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