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Director Selects New Commissioner **for Division of Insurance**

Carson, City, NV – Nevada Department of Business & Industry Director Dianne Cornwall today announced the appointment of Brett J. Barratt as the new Commissioner of the Division of Insurance. Barratt replaces Scott J. Kipper, who resigned the position in June.

Barratt, an attorney, has extensive experience in insurance regulation. Beginning in February 2005, he served as the Insurance Counsel/Hearing Officer for the Division. In October 2009, he became the Chief Insurance Assistant for the Division, and since June, he has been the Acting Commissioner of Insurance. A graduate of the Michigan University College of Law, Barratt earned his Juris Doctor degree in 2003. He is a member of the Nevada State Bar Association's Insurance and Health Law Section.

“Mr. Barratt comes to us with extensive knowledge of insurance regulation as well as strong legislative expertise and legal experience,” Director Cornwall said. *“He has already proven his ability to lead during a transition, and I look forward to his ongoing oversight of this dynamic agency.”*

As Commissioner, Barratt will oversee the functions of the Nevada Division of Insurance. Under the auspices of the Department of Business and Industry, the Division of Insurance is charged with protecting the rights of the consumer and the public's interest in dealings with the insurance industry. The Division regulates and licenses insurance producers, brokers and other professionals; sets ethical and financial standards for insurance companies; and reviews rates. The Division also reviews programs operated by self-insured employers for workers' compensation, and investigates claims of insurance fraud.

"I am pleased to be appointed permanently to the Commissioner position by Director Cornwall," Barratt said. "Overseeing the Division during this transition has been very rewarding, and I look forward to further reinforcing the agency's regulatory and consumer protection roles."

For more information about the Division of Insurance, visit its Web site at <http://doi.nv.gov>.

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