

JAMES J. DONELON

LOUISIANA COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

Prior to becoming Commissioner of Insurance, Jim Donelon served the Louisiana Department of Insurance in leadership positions as Chief Deputy Commissioner and Executive Counsel.

Jim is a native New Orleanian and a graduate of Jesuit High School, the University of New Orleans and Loyola School of Law.

Jim's public service career includes 33 years of military experience in the Louisiana Army National Guard where he retired with the rank of Colonel.

He was first elected to office in 1975 as Chairman of the Jefferson Parish Council and then served in the House of Representatives from 1981-2001 where he served as Chairman of the Committee on Insurance.

In 2001 Jim joined the staff of the Department of Insurance and was appointed Commissioner of Insurance in February 2006. He was elected to fill the unexpired term later that year and was re-elected in 2007, 2011 and 2015.

Jim served as the President of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' (NAIC) in 2013, the first commissioner from Louisiana to be elected President of the association in its 140-year history. He also serves as Chairman of the NAIC Surplus Lines Task Force. He is also on the Board of Directors of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill in New Orleans and the Blood Center for Southeast Louisiana.