

Adam Hamm, 43, was appointed Insurance Commissioner by Governor John Hoeven in October 2007, elected to a four-year term in November 2008 and reelected to a second four-year term in November 2012. Adam has a strong and varied background that includes experience both in public service and in the private sector.

Adam's dedication to serve the public began with his work as a prosecutor at the Cass County State's Attorney's office. Adam prosecuted personal crimes, including murder, rape, robbery, assault, and child physical and sexual abuse. This work gave Adam an understanding of what it takes to protect the public.

Among the cases he handled during his time as a prosecutor was the prosecution of Kyle Bell for the murder of Jeanna North, an 11-year-old Fargo girl. This case ultimately resulted in a life sentence for Bell, but just as importantly, prompted the enactment of tougher laws against sex offenders in North Dakota.

Adam has also worked as an attorney in private practice advocating for North Dakota businesses and individuals. He is a graduate of Sam Houston State University and received his Juris Doctorate Degree, with Distinction, from the University of North Dakota School of Law in 1998.

Adam is also very active in the [National Association of Insurance Commissioners \(NAIC\)](#). The NAIC is the association made up of the chief insurance regulators from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories. These elected and appointed officials -- working together with the centralized resources of the NAIC -- form the national system of state-based insurance regulation in the United States. America's insurance regulators coordinate their activities through the NAIC and work together to develop best practices and set standards for insurance supervision.

Adam is currently the immediate Past President of the NAIC, and chairs its new Cybersecurity Task Force. He also serves on numerous NAIC committees, including the Executive Committee, the Accreditation Committee and the Government Relations Leadership Council.

Additionally, Adam was selected by his fellow insurance commissioners to serve on the U.S. Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC). In this role, Adam represents the interests of all the nation's state insurance regulators.

FSOC is a fifteen member body comprised of the nation's chief financial regulators, including U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew who chairs the council and Federal Reserve Board Chair Janet Yellen. The council was created by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Protection and Consumer Protection Act in 2010 to monitor the safety and stability of the nation's financial system and coordinate a response to any threats.

Adam's NAIC and FSOC work ensures that North Dakota has a strong national voice in both insurance regulation and the security of our entire financial system.

A native of Jamestown, N.D., Adam lives in Bismarck with his wife, Michelle, and children, Wyatt (17) and Halle (14).