

STATE LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT PRESENTERS

Welcome & Opening Remarks

10:10 – 10:15 a.m.



Libby Calderone, President/CEO

Illinois Credit Union League (ICUL) and Envisant

Libby Calderone serves as the President and CEO of the Illinois Credit Union League and Envisant, a role she assumed in January 2025. She joined the ICU System in 2018 as President and Chief Operating Officer for Envisant, bringing with her a wealth of industry expertise. Prior to these roles, she served as CEO and President of Earthmover Credit Union in Aurora, Illinois. Since beginning her career in 1987, Libby has been dedicated to advancing the transformative impact of credit unions on local communities and the broader population. Her extensive industry leadership includes serving on the Envisant Board of Directors, acting as Chair of the Supervisory Committee for Alloya Corporate Federal Credit Union, and serving as Board Chair for American Share Insurance. A graduate of the University of Illinois, Libby also holds the prestigious Certified Credit Union Investment Expert (CCUIE) designation from America's Credit Unions.



Michael Abraham, Chairperson

Chief Strategy Officer, Great Lakes Credit Union

Michael Abraham has been Chief Strategy Officer at Great Lakes Credit Union in Bannockburn, Illinois since 2024. He has served as an executive in the Credit Union Industry since 2014 with over 20 years of service in financial services. His experience has included many roles with experience as a CEO and various management roles. Michael has an MBA in Finance from Keller School of Management and a B.A. in History from DePaul University. Michael holds the Certified Credit Union Executive designation from CUNA, serves as a director on several Credit Union Service Organizations (CUSOs) and is a Professor of Finance at North Park University in Chicago.

Conference Overview

10:15 – 10:20 a.m.



Ashley Sharp, Chief Legal Officer & SVP, State Advocacy

Illinois Credit Union League (ICUL)

Ashley Sharp has been employed at ICUL since 2013 and currently serves as Senior Vice President of State Advocacy and Legislative Counsel. In those roles, Ashley places a focus on building positive relationships with members of the Illinois General Assembly, the Governor's Office and statewide officials in order to educate them on the role of credit unions in Illinois. Ashley's primary responsibilities include analyzing legislation proposed by the General Assembly, developing and advocating for the passage of legislation favorable to the credit union industry, and working to ensure that measures, which would have a negative impact on credit union operations, are not advanced. In addition, Ashley works with credit unions to ensure compliance with state laws and regulations. Ashley earned her Political Science degree from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and received her juris doctorate degree from SIU School of Law.

Interchange Update

10:20 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.



Representative Margaret Croke

IL-12

Full-time legislator; former Deputy Chief of Staff at the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity; former Women’s Outreach Director for JB for Governor; B.A in Political Science and Communications, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor; lives in Chicago with her husband and three children. Representative since 2021.



Senator Mark Walker

IL-27

Full-time legislator; Vietnam veteran; former financial industry executive, entrepreneur, and management consultant; advocate and volunteer for veterans and the homeless; former member of the Arlington Heights Parks Foundation Board; earned B.A. and M.A. from Brown University; married with one adult son.

Electronic Lien Transfer Update

11:10 – 11:30 a.m.



Juan Huerta, Deputy Director of Public Engagement

Illinois Secretary of State’s Office

Juan currently serves as the Deputy Director of Public Engagement for the Illinois Secretary of State’s office, where he supports community outreach for the Organ/Tissue Donor Program, Homebound Services, and coordinates Mobile DMVs. Juan assists in organizing events including the Illinois State Fair, the DuQuoin State Fair, the Antique Vehicle Show and various senior and veterans’ events around the state. He also coordinates re-entry initiatives for downstate Illinois that ensures individuals have access to opportunities to be successful when re-entering society. Juan visits correctional facilities to ensure residents have the necessary information needed to obtain their State IDs.

From 2015-2023, Juan was the Director of Community Relations for the City of Springfield. Before that, Juan was the Director of Support Services and Document Management at Horace Mann Insurance Company in Springfield, where he worked for 23 years. He graduated from Altamont High School and earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Illinois College in Jacksonville. He has been married to his wife, Laura, for 24 years and they have two daughters, Alexa and Sophia.

Regulatory & CRA Update

11:30 – 11:50 a.m.

Patrick Smith, EVP, Chief Advocacy Officer

Illinois Credit Union League (ICUL)

Patrick Smith joined ICUL in October 2004. Patrick administers the League’s Advocacy Team, as well as state and federal regulatory affairs program working with the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation and the National Credit Union Administration, as well as American Share Insurance. He is



also a member of the America’s Credit Union’s Examination and Supervision Subcommittee and serves on AACUL’s Regulatory Advocacy and Compliance Advisory Committee. Patrick provides critical advocacy and consulting services to member credit unions regarding regulatory examination compliance and technical issues. He also provides related education and training in several venues to advise credit unions of trends in credit union operations and helps develop corrective plans to address specific operational challenges. Prior to joining ICUL, Patrick worked for the Illinois Department of Financial Institutions, Credit Union Division for 17 years.

Shannon Basile, Senior Director of Compliance
Illinois Credit Union League (ICUL)



Shannon Basile joined the Illinois Credit Union League (ICUL) as a Compliance Analyst in 2017. In her current role as Senior Director of Compliance she oversees ICUL’s Compliance Department with a focus on providing ICUL member credit unions with compliance guidance, credit union staff training, and compliance related presentations. Shannon has over twenty-five years of financial industry experience. Before joining ICUL her focus was on operations and leadership at Abri Credit Union and Oak Brook Bank. During her time at Abri credit union, she also served as a loan officer and commercial banking specialist. Shannon earned both her Associates of Arts in Business Administration and Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from Benedictine University. She has also earned a Credit Union Compliance Expert (CUCE), Bank Secrecy Act Compliance Specialist (BSACS), Certified Credit Union Facilitator (CCUF), and Certified Credit Union Financial Counselor (CCUFC) designation from America’s Credit Unions.

Luncheon Presenter

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Mario Treto, Jr., Secretary

Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation (IDFPR)



Mario Treto, Jr. oversees the regulation of over 1.2 million licensees including state-chartered credit unions. Previously, he served as Director of the Division of Real Estate. Treto spearheaded agency-wide diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives. Treto sits on the Board of Directors for the Association of Real Estate License Law Officials and the Conference of State Bank Supervisors State Coordinating Committee. He is also a Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow and presides as Chairman of the Board of Directors at Howard Brown Health. He has been nationally recognized by the International Municipal Lawyers Association, the Hispanic National Bar Association, and the National LGBT Bar. He has received leadership accolades from Crain’s Chicago Business, Business Equality Magazine, Chicago Scholars, and Hispanic business publication Negocios Now. In 2018, he was presented with the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office Humanitarian Award. Treto received his Juris Doctor from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts in biology and psychology from Washington University in St. Louis.

Update from our Sponsors

1:00 – 1:10 p.m.



David Feldhaus, Senior Vice President & Director of External Affairs

Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago (FHLBC)

Dave leads all advocacy and government affairs efforts at the bank. His major focus is Congressional and Regulatory engagement in Washington DC and development of the banks advocacy strategy. He also serves as spokesman for public policy related issues on behalf of the bank. Previous to this role Dave served as Minority Counsel for the Committee on the Judiciary and Counsel and Legislative Assistant in the United States Senate. He studied at the U.S. Airforce Academy and is a graduate of the University of South Dakota and has his J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law.



Jennifer Kelly, AVP Advocacy

American Share Insurance (ASI)

Jennifer Kelly is a dedicated advocate with over a decade of experience in government affairs and political advocacy. As the Assistant Vice President of Advocacy at American Share Insurance (ASI), she leads state and federal initiatives to advance policy strategies that benefit privately insured credit unions and promote parity within the regulatory framework. Her work focuses on expanding private insurance opportunities and reinforcing the value of the state charter. Jennifer collaborates closely with state regulators, policymakers, and league associations to strengthen partnerships and support credit union interests.

Previously, Jennifer served as Senior Director of State Affairs at America's Credit Unions and as Political Programs Manager at the Credit Union National Association (CUNA), where she significantly increased fundraising efforts. Her earlier roles include managing government affairs at the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA) and coordinating financial goals for Congressional clients as a Political Fundraiser at Catalyst Group LLC.



Geriann Smith, Account Executive

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Biography requested.

Credit Union Legislative Issues Briefing

1:10 – 1:40 p.m.



Stephen R. Olson, Attorney at Law

Olson Government Consulting

Steve Olson retired from the Illinois Credit Union League in 2018, after more than 34 years of service. Steve served as Executive Vice President and General Counsel of the League and, in that position, coordinated dues-supported activities of the League and also directed corporate legal affairs for the affiliated companies comprising the ICU System. He provided legal, legislative, regulatory and transactional support and advocacy for the System and its member credit unions. Upon retirement, Steve developed his own consulting firm, Olson Government Consulting, LLC. In his current role as an independent contractor, he continues to provide the League and its affiliated members with legislative advocacy and regulatory compliance services. Steve graduated with honors from St. Olaf College and received his law degree from the University of Iowa.