

# ILLINOIS CREDIT UNION LEAGUE

## 2020 Annual Convention

### General Session Description



Friday, April 3, 2020 – 10:30 to 11:30 am

### **Federal and State Advocacy Update**

*Steve Olson, Keith Sias, Patrick Smith, Ashley Sharp, ICUL*

Find out the latest developments and priorities for credit union legislation and regulations in Illinois and on the national level. Hear about the most recent laws and regulations that have been enacted from the experts. Learn what you can do to help get credit union friendly legislation under consideration passed and anti-credit union bills eliminated.

#### **Who should attend?**

CU Executives, Board Members, Staff Members

#### **About the presenters:**

Keith Sias is Senior Vice President of Governmental Affairs. Keith started at the ICUL in March of 1993 as Manager of State Governmental Affairs. In 2011, he was promoted to Vice President began overseeing federal governmental affairs in addition to state governmental affairs activities for ICUL. He also supervises the activities of the Credit Union Political Action Council (CUPAC) and serves as liaison to ICUL's Legislative Committee. Keith primarily works in the Springfield office, serving as a registered lobbyist. Keith is also responsible for analyzing and tracking legislative issues of importance to credit unions and plays an important role in educating member credit unions about legislative and regulatory issues. Keith holds a Masters in Public Administration and a Bachelors in Political Science from the University of Illinois.

Patrick Smith is Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs & Member Outreach for the League. He joined the League in October 2004. Patrick's responsibilities cross corporate and several departmental lines of the League and LSC, including overseeing the Department of Regulatory Affairs & Member Outreach which includes ICUL's Small Credit Union Program. He provides critical consulting services to member credit unions with regard to regulatory, compliance and technical issues, such as compliance review audits and related education and training in a number of venues to advise credit unions of trends in credit union operations and help develop corrective plans to address specific operational challenges. Patrick previously worked for the Department of Financial Institutions, for more than 17 years, including serving as Supervisor of the Credit Union Division. He has a Bachelors degree from Illinois State University with a double major in Finance & Business Administration.

Steve Olson and Ashley Sharp will be providing an update on State Legislative Issues. Many of you know that for over three decades, Steve worked closely with credit unions, large and small, to implement enumerable legislative enhancements, defeat a huge number of adverse bills, successfully prosecute the regulatory fee case, establish a regulatory exam consistency and due process framework and address countless compliance questions. He now has an independent contractor role with the League and focuses on advocacy and lobbying while consulting on ICU System strategic corporate goals and credit union compliance issues. He graduated with honors from St. Olaf College and received his law degree from the University of Iowa. Ashley Sharp holds an undergraduate degree in Political Science, and is a graduate of Southern Illinois University School of Law, where she was active in a specialized program for State and Local Government Law. Ashley serves as Legislative Counsel and Vice President of State Governmental Affairs for the Illinois Credit Union League. Her primary focus is advocating in front of the Illinois General Assembly on behalf of over 260 credit unions providing financial services in Illinois. Ashley is actively engaged in both the legal and legislative aspects of advocacy, including: analyzing legislative proposals, drafting legislation, presenting legislation to ICUL's Legislative Committee and working with lawmakers to ensure that credit union interests are represented as bills are moved through the legislative process. Ashley also serves as a resource for credit unions to ensure that they are in compliance with state and federal law.

