



Special Guest

Julie Imanuel Brown Secretary, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation

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Julie Imanuel Brown serves as the Secretary of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation where she leads the state's regulation of more than 1.4 million licenses across more than 30 fields of industry. Appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis on February 22, 2021, Secretary Brown joined the Department following three terms of service on the Florida Public Service Commission.

Secretary Brown was initially appointed to the Florida Public Service Commission in 2011 and subsequently reappointed in 2015 and 2019. She was elected as the Commission Chairman from 2016 to 2018 and led the Commission's recommendations for electric utility storm-hardening actions following a period when Florida experienced major hurricane impacts for the first time in more than a decade.

As Chairman, Secretary Brown established initiatives to build and strengthen links between the Commission and its stakeholders with improvements in technology, communication, and quality of service. Before serving on the Commission, Secretary Brown was Associate Legal Counsel of First American Corporation, a Fortune 500 company, where she handled a variety of regulatory compliance and legal issues in the Eastern, Midwest and Mid-Atlantic Regions. In her prior practice of law, she has also represented corporate clients with a specialized focus on matters involving mergers, acquisitions, and securities. Previously, she served as the Director of Franchise Sales and Development for Checkers Drive-In Restaurants, Inc., and as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Tampa.