

# Jim Donelon



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## **education**

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law  
(J.D.)

University of New Orleans

## **admissions**

Louisiana

## **honors**

- Legion of Merit Medal, U.S. Armed Forces  
(given for exceptionally meritorious  
conduct in the performance of outstanding  
services and achievements)

## **affiliations**

### **Professional**

- National Association of Insurance  
Commissioners (NAIC): President (2013);  
Executive Committee (2011-2024); Chair of  
Surplus Lines Task Force (2006-2024); Chair  
of the Southeast Zone (2023); Chair of  
Receivership Task Force (2023)

Across my decades in insurance, I have seen the industry adapt and respond to market changes stemming from the environment, social climate, and healthcare. As the industry continues to evolve as the needs of its customers and consumers morph, I am honored to have a unique perspective and seat at that global table.

Jim Donelon held the role of Commissioner of Insurance for the state of Louisiana from 2006-2024, making him the longest-serving Commissioner of Insurance in the state's history. His unparalleled insights into and understanding of the industry's operations and concerns position McGlinchey clients for long-term success in a rapidly evolving marketplace.

On a national basis, Jim advises insurance companies, agencies, producers, InsurTechs, and other industry participants on a wide range of corporate, operational, and regulatory concerns. From transactions to licensing to enforcement matters and everything in between, Jim brings his

## Community

- Blood Center for Southeast Louisiana; Board of Directors
- National Alliance for Mentally Ill (NAMI) in New Orleans; Past Member, Board of Directors

considerable knowledge to bear in counseling clients in matters of state and federal law.

As Commissioner of a state at the forefront of many hot topics for the industry – ranging from the impacts of climate and weather events to high poverty rates to energy and transportation concerns – Jim advocated on behalf of the country's Southeast region on national and international stages.

Jim held the position of President of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) in 2013, which he leveraged to become a respected and valued voice in insurance discussions worldwide for many years. He guided Louisiana through a number of deadly disasters, ranging from Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, Ike, Isaac, Laura, Delta, and Ida to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior to his regulatory role, Jim represented Jefferson Parish in the Louisiana House of Representatives from 1981-2001, where he served as Chair of the Insurance Committee. Within the Louisiana Department of Insurance, Jim held several leadership positions including Chief Deputy Commissioner and Executive Counsel.

Jim served in the Louisiana Army National Guard for more than 30 years and retired with the rank of Colonel. Jim received the prestigious Legion of Merit, a military award of the United States Armed Forces that is awarded for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding achievements.

## presentations

"Fireside Chat: How Regulators and Insurers Are Navigating the Fast-Paced Changes of the Industry," Insurance Symposium, Austin, Texas, April 18, 2024

"Asset Management & The Impact of Climate Change," Connecticut Conference on Climate Change and Insurance (C<sup>4</sup>I), October 13, 2021