

Chance McElhaney began serving as the Chief Operations Officer for the Iowa Department of Insurance & Financial Services in November 2023, after serving as Communications Director and Legislative Liaison for the Iowa Insurance Division since February 2015. McElhaney oversees the department's strategic planning, federal and state legislative relations, media relations, investor education and financial literacy efforts, and the Iowa Insurance Division's SHIP/SMP team, among a variety of other duties.

McElhaney actively assists in the promotion and work of the Insure Your Future Program. He serves as the Department's liaison with the state's universities and accelerators to make connections to help grow the insurance and financial services talent and innovation pipelines. McElhaney has also been a part of the Global Insurance Symposium planning committee since 2015.

McElhaney has a deep background in government affairs and communications. Prior to joining the Iowa Insurance Division, McElhaney served as Communications Director & Spokesman for the Iowa Secretary of State. Before that, he served for six years in the office of U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley in Washington D.C. in various communications roles.

McElhaney is a native Iowan and resides in Ankeny with his wife and two children. He holds a bachelor's degree in public administration with a focus on economics and finance from the University of Northern Iowa.