



CHRISTINA URIAS was appointed Director of the Arizona Department of Insurance in November, 2003. Prior to her appointment, Director Urias was a partner at the law firm of DeConcini McDonald Yetwin & Lacy, P.C. (1989-2003) and before becoming an attorney, Director Urias worked in the insurance industry (1973-1985) as a property and casualty claims adjuster.

A member of a seventh generation Tucson pioneer family, she graduated with honors from the University of Arizona (B.A. Philosophy, 1972) and the University of Arizona, College of Law (Cum Laude, 1988). She clerked for the Arizona Supreme Court (1988-1989) and the Arizona Bar Foundation named her as one of the Top 50 Pro Bono Attorneys in Arizona.

Director Urias is the President-Elect of the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education (AFLSE) and has served on the Foundation's Board of Directors and as Chair of the Foundation's Legal Services Committee for several years. The State Bar of Arizona created the Foundation in 1978 to provide a variety of community legal services to the poor and to promote access to justice for all Arizonans, especially those most in need.

Director Urias is actively involved in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). As a member of the NAIC's Executive Committee, she currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the NAIC Western Zone. She is also the chair the Solvency Modernization Initiative (SMI) Task Force, which is undertaking a critical examination of the U.S. Insurance Regulatory System in light of the recent financial crisis and international regulatory developments. Director Urias also chairs the NAIC's International Solvency Working Group, NAFTA Working Group and the Long Term Care Task Force.