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Patti Epstein

Deputy Secretary
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Patti Epstein was appointed to her current role as Deputy Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) in January 2021. In this role, Patti is the Chief Operating Officer and is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Department. The agency is accountable for maintaining the safety and soundness of Wisconsin's financial institutions, regulating Wisconsin securities dealers and charitable organizations, administering Wisconsin business filings, and overseeing the state's college savings programs. She previously served as the Department's Administrator of Corporate and Consumer Services.

Before joining the DFI in October 2019, Patti held leadership roles in charitable organizations and private-sector businesses. Most recently, she played a key role in launching a national 501(c)3 public charity that aims to enhance community and national health by including nurses on boards. While working for a technology consulting firm, Patti grew a business unit to become one of Microsoft's largest Education Centers in the U.S. Finally, Patti is also the recipient of the inaugural President's Award from the nation's largest privately held third-party benefits administrator for exemplifying a spirit of operational excellence.

A graduate of Edgewood College, Patti holds a bachelor's degree in business and computer science. She holds certifications in Six Sigma, Cryptocurrency, Flexible Compensation, Change Leadership, and Health Insurance. Passionate about board service, Patti serves on the board of her family-owned business and TEMPO-Madison. She is a member of the UW Health Patient & Family Advisory Council, Wisconsin Remote Notary Council, and a LinkedIn Advisor.