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Brett Flachsbarth Receives Unemployment Insurance Integrity Award

TOPEKA, Kan. – The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) congratulates Brett Flachsbarth on receiving the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Integrity Award today at the National UI Issues Conference.

Flachsbarth received numerous nomination letters praising him for professionalism and integrity. He has won the admiration of his colleagues and co-workers while significantly improving the performance of KDOL over a span of five years.

In 2011, Flachsbarth became the Chief of the Office of Unemployment Insurance Appeals where he made significant changes resulting in 70 percent of cases resolved within 30 days and 87 percent within 45 days.

As Director of UI, Flachsbarth made first payment promptness a goal and that goal was achieved in just one year.

When it came to combating fraud, his collaboration with the Workers Compensation Division identified 1,529 misclassified workers in 2014. Through an investigation of fictitious employers with USDOL, a Chicago-based company was convicted in a multistate effort involving \$9.12 million in benefit claims.

In the words of one nominator, Flachsbarth serves as a leader/mentor who is constantly striving to protect and preserve the integrity of the UI system.

The award was presented by the National Foundation for Unemployment and Workers' Compensation (UWC).

For more information on Workers Compensation and Unemployment Fraud go to <http://www.dol.ks.gov/UI/Fraud.aspx>

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