

## KENTUCKY SECURITIES DIVISION DIRECTOR JOINS BOARD OF INVESTOR PROTECTION TRUST

**IPT Welcomes Shonita Bossier as Newest Trustee as Organization Heads Into Busy 2016 Year; Highlighted by Money Magazine as “Money Hero” For Fight Against Victimization of Elderly.**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.//February 1, 2016//**Shonita Bossier, director of the Securities Division of the Kentucky Department of Financial Institutions, has been elected to serve as a trustee of the Investor Protection Trust (IPT), a national nonprofit devoted to investor education.

Bossier began working for the Commonwealth of Kentucky in May 2009 after 17 years in banking, including the Bank of Bermuda, U.S. Bancorp and Fifth Third Bank. She has managed international trade settlement operations and has experience in trust administration and operations.

Bossier is an active member of the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) and serves on several committees, including the Standardized Training and Technology Committee, and the Investment Adviser Section Committee.

In September 2013, she was featured as a “Money Hero” in Money magazine for working to help seniors avoid being victimized by fraud. The magazine noted: “... she’s working to help doctors and nurses identify cognitively impaired individuals vulnerable to rip-offs. ‘**Seniors save hard to be secure. Then someone comes along with the right words and takes all their money,**’ says Bossier.” (See more at: [http://time.com/money/2794684/rescuing-the-elderly-from-financial-fraud/.](http://time.com/money/2794684/rescuing-the-elderly-from-financial-fraud/))

IPT President and CEO Don Blandin said: **“Shonita Bossier has exactly the right kind of background that the Trust needs as it continues to scale up its elderly financial fraud efforts in 2016. We look forward to benefiting from her insights and practical experience. Shonita’s story is a perfect illustration of the importance for U.S. investors of having the right people in place at the state level to look after their best interests.”**

A New York native, Bossier earned her bachelor’s degree in business administration from the State University of New York College at New Paltz. She lives in Louisville, KY.

### **ABOUT IPT**

The Investor Protection Trust ([www.investorprotection.org](http://www.investorprotection.org)) is a nonprofit organization devoted to investor education. The primary mission of IPT is to provide independent, objective information needed by consumers to make informed investment decisions.

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**EDITOR’S NOTE:** A headshot photograph of Shonita Bossier is available upon request. More information is available at: [http://www.investorprotection.org/img/trustee\\_bossier\\_bio.jpg](http://www.investorprotection.org/img/trustee_bossier_bio.jpg).