

## MISSOURI COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES ELECTED AS NEW TRUSTEE OF INVESTOR PROTECTION TRUST

### *IPT Welcomes Andrew M. Hartnett to Leadership, Applauds Career of Consumer Protection*

**WASHINGTON, D.C. – October 27, 2016** – Missouri Commissioner of Securities Andrew M. Hartnett is now the newest trustee of the Investor Protection Trust (IPT), a nonprofit organization devoted to investor education.

As the Commissioner of Securities for Secretary of State Jason Kander, Hartnett directs the activities of the Enforcement, Examination, and Registration Sections and serves as the statutory adjudicator in administrative enforcement actions filed by the Securities Division. On the national level, he chairs the Broker-Dealer Section, the Board Committee on Cybersecurity, the Investment Adviser Cybersecurity and Technology Project Group, and the Federal Legislation Committee for the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA). Hartnett also serves on NASAA's Board Committee on Senior Issues and Diminished Capacity.

Don Blandin, president and CEO, Investor Protection Trust, said: **“The Investor Protection Trust is pleased to have Andrew M. Hartnett as a new IPT trustee. We look forward to benefiting from his experience in a range of areas. Andrew’s insight and work on major issues from cybersecurity to elderly financial abuse make him the perfect complement to the IPT leadership team.”**

In the past, Hartnett was chair of NASAA’s Enforcement Section. Prior to being appointed Commissioner of Securities, he worked in the Missouri Attorney General’s office, first as an Assistant Attorney General in the Consumer Protection Division and then as Chief of Staff to Attorney General Chris Koster.

Hartnett began his legal career at Bryan Cave LLP. He is a graduate of Saint Louis University School of Law, New York University (MA in French Studies), and Catholic University of America in Washington D.C.

### **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 Andrew M. Hartnett is available upon request.