



Brian Halstead
Compact Commissioner
MIC3 Nebraska

Mr. Halstead was appointed as the Nebraska Commissioner as of October 1, 2016, by Commissioner of Education Matthew Blomstedt, pursuant to Nebraska Statute 79-2205.

Mr. Halstead currently serves as Chief of Staff/Deputy Commissioner of Education, overseeing the operations of the Department. He has previously served as an Assistant Commissioner, General Counsel, and Certification Counsel while having been employed by the Department since August 1990. He is responsible for handling numerous areas related to the development, implementation, and application of the law, education policy, and legislative liaison activities at the federal, state, and local levels. As part of his duties, he is a member of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). He is also an active member of the Nebraska State Bar Association.

Before joining the Nebraska Department of Education, Mr. Halstead served in the County Attorney's Office for Keith and Dodge Counties in Nebraska.

Mr. Halstead received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1982 and a Doctorate of Law from the University of Nebraska Law School in 1985.

Mr. Halstead serves as the president of his homeowners association, is an avid golfer, and a season ticket holder for University of Nebraska football and women's basketball.

Mr. Halstead is a native Nebraskan, having lived in York, Ogallala, Fremont, and Lincoln. He is happily married to his wife, Judy, who are parents to two rambunctious and loveable collies.

