

Brandon Willis of Utah

Brandon Willis, an insurance regulator representative to the board, grew up on a fourth-generation sheep ranch in northern Utah. He earned his bachelor's degree in crop and soil science from Utah State University in Logan, Utah, and his law degree from the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming, before completing a master's in agricultural law from the University of Arkansas. Early in his career, Willis worked at the National Agricultural Law Center, with the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, and for U.S. Senator Max Baucus. In the Obama Administration, Willis served as Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs, overseeing FSA programs under the Production Emergencies and Compliance Division, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division, and Price Support Division. He also served as Senior Advisor to the Secretary on Title I Commodity programs, farm legislation matters, and disaster assistance before being appointed to serve as the RMA Administrator in 2013. Willis works in the College of Agricultural and Applied Sciences at Utah State University and as owner of Ranchers Insurance.