

Clayton Harris III

Clayton Harris III is the new Executive Director for the Illinois International Port District at the Port of Chicago.

In his new role, Clayton and the Illinois International Port District are committed to developing and maintaining a world-class port that operates as a modern, strategically driven facility and is focused on generating and expanding economic activity and employment for the benefit of the City of Chicago and State of Illinois.

Clayton was formerly the Director of Government Affairs for the Midwest United States with CH2M HILL, a global engineering design/build consulting firm with over 26,000 employees and on every continent.

After earning his Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Technology and while working at the Pentagon in Combat Systems Engineering in the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization Clayton decided to attend law school full time while continuing to work full time. As Clayton progressed he was able to transition work to the Federal Aviation Administration as an intern and then to the United States Department of Agriculture as an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Specialist. Once he graduated from Howard University's School of Law he moved to Chicago to become a Cook County Assistant States' Attorney.

In addition to the work that Clayton engages in professionally, academically he enjoys lecturing at the University of Chicago which he has done for the past seven years, where he teaches *Process and Policy in State and local government specifically focusing on Illinois and Chicago* in the school of Public Policy.

Clayton serves his community through the national and historic Omega Psi Phi, fraternity, Inc., where he has held the office of Chapter counselor and Vice Basileus, the same fraternity that his father and grandfather both were and are distinguished members. In addition to this love he also is a board member with Childserv.

Clayton resides on the Southside of Chicago with his loving and beautiful wife Trena, where they are devoted parents to their incredible two sons.

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