Neil T. Gooch

Neal T. Gooch is a native of Southeastern Idaho. He attended high school and college in Arizona. He graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. After graduating from ASU in June 1971, he worked in Washington, D.C. for Bailey Deardourff and Associates, a respected political advertising firm.

While in Washington, D.C., Mr. Gooch received his Juris Doctor Degree from the Potomac School of Law. After graduating from law school, Mr. Gooch passed the bar



examinations in Georgia and Utah and relocated to Utah to begin his legal career.

Mr. Gooch was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General on February 22, 1982 and worked for the Attorney General until August 1997.

While serving in the Attorney General's office, Mr. Gooch was general counsel to Division of Consumer Protection, general counsel to the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, and counsel to various state agencies in regard to personnel matters. He was general counsel to the Utah Insurance Commissioner from 1986 to August 1997.

In August 1997, Mr. Gooch was appointed by Commissioner Merwin U. Stewart as Deputy Insurance Commissioner and in January 2005 was asked by Commissioner D. Kent Michie to continue serving as Deputy Insurance Commissioner. He served in that capacity until January 14, 2010 when Governor Gary Herbert appointed him as acting insurance commissioner and on May 24, 2010 he was sworn in as the Utah Insurance Commissioner.

Commissioner Gooch is married to Terry Bailey Gooch. They are the parents of three children and grandparents to four grandchildren. Neal and Terry reside in the Val Verda area of Bountiful, Utah.