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James “Mike” Pickens, an insurance-regulatory appointee from Little Rock, Arkansas, is a partner of Friday, Eldredge and Clark, LLP in Little Rock, Arkansas. In 1984, he received a B.A. degree in English and a minor in psychology, with an emphasis in a pre-medicine curriculum, at the University of Mississippi (Old Miss). In December 1989, he graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law with a J.D. degree.

Mike was appointed in January 1997 by (then) Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee to a four (4) year-term as the Arkansas Insurance Commissioner. In 2001, he was reappointed to another four year-term. While serving as the state’s insurance commissioner, Mike was a member of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and served as secretary-treasurer, vice-president, and president.