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Emily Chafa currently manages the Iowa Workforce Development UI Appeals Bureau. She previously worked as an ALJ (Administrative Law Judge) with Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) conducting hearings and issuing decisions in unemployment appeals, from April 10, 2015 until she began her current duties on July 3, 2015.

For several years, Emily was an ALJ with the Administrative Hearings Division (AHD) of the State of Iowa's Dept. of Inspections and Appeals (DIA), hearing a variety of appeals from IDOT, DHS and IWD. She previously worked as the attorney for the Misclassification Unit of Iowa Workforce Development, as Deputy Director of Litigation for Iowa Legal Aid, as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Des Moines, as a prosecutor for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, and as an associate attorney at the Hinshaw & Culbertson law firm in Chicago, Illinois.

Emily attended Wartburg College and received her B.A. degree from Drake University. She received her J.D. degree from Loyola School of Law in Chicago. She is licensed to practice law in Iowa and Illinois. Emily is active in numerous professional and community organizations.