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David L. Chaplin II, a 2013 graduate of Syracuse University College of Law, is an attorney working as Director of Employee Relations and Acting Director of Civil Service Administration, in the Onondaga County Department of Personnel. David also worked for the City of Syracuse, Office of the Mayor, as Administrator to the Citizen Review Board (CRB), where he was responsible for overseeing all investigations into allegations of police misconduct. Prior to that, David served as Labor Attorney with the City Law Department (Office of Corporation Counsel Office).

David graduated from the University of Alabama, as a scholarship Track & Field athlete, with a dual major in Psychology and Philosophy. While receiving his Juris Doctor Degree David participated in the Dual Degree program, Public Diplomacy. As a result, David graduated with a Masters in International Relations from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs as well as a Masters in Public Relations from S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

While in graduate school, David worked intern and externships with the Northern District Federal Public Defenders Office; United Nations Human Rights Council, in Geneva, Switzerland; Department of Justice (Access to Justice Initiative); Department of Defense (Office of General Counsel [International Affairs]); PILPG (Public International Law & Policy Group).

Currently, David is the Board Chair to Tiny Homes For Good (THG). THG builds and provides sustainable housing for homeless men and women of our community. Since 2014 THG has built over ten homes housing roughly twenty (20) formerly homeless City residents. David is also a member of the William Herbert Johnson Minority Bar Association of Central New York.

David is married with a beautiful 2-year-old son named Owen.