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[ryan.brown@state.mn.us](mailto:ryan.brown@state.mn.us)**Department of Revenue names new Assistant Commissioner for Business Taxes and new Manager for Tax Policy**

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced today that Jenny Starr has been promoted to Assistant Commissioner for Business Taxes and Paul Cumings has been promoted to Manager for Tax Policy.

**Starr named Assistant Commissioner for Business Taxes**

Jenny Starr will oversee the department's operations for corporate taxes, sales and use tax, property tax, other business taxes, and criminal investigations. She begins her new position immediately.

“Jenny’s previous experience on our legal and policy teams sets her up for immediate success as our lead on business taxes,” said Revenue Commissioner Myron Frans. “Her legal and communication skills along with her passion for making government better will serve Minnesota’s business taxpayers well.”

Starr has been with the department since 2007. She is also an adjunct professor at William Mitchell College of Law. Starr holds a Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the University of Minnesota Law School and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts. She is married with one child and lives in St. Paul.

Starr takes over for Keith Getschel, who left after more than 35 years with the department to become the Director of the Joint Audit Program at the [Multistate Tax Commission](#) (MTC). Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the MTC works to support the state administration of tax laws that apply to multistate and multinational enterprises.



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### Cumings named Manager of Tax Policy

Paul Cumings will replace Starr as Manager of Tax Policy. He will lead the department's tax policy operations and manage the tax policy development process between the department and the legislature. Cumings spent the last 3.5 years as the department's legislative liaison. He begins his new position immediately.

"Paul's ability to bridge multiple divisions within the department and work across all agency and legislative channels makes him an ideal fit for the Manager of Tax Policy position," said Commissioner Frans. "Paul has been a constant presence at the Capitol for many years and his legislative expertise will prove valuable in his new position."

Cumings joined the department as legislative liaison in 2011 after serving four years in the Minnesota House of Representatives as a committee legislative assistant and caucus researcher. He holds a bachelor's degree from Augsburg College. He lives in South St. Paul.

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