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MEMORANDUM TO THE TAX DIVISION COMMUNITY

From: John A. DiCicco 
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Subject: Appointment of Tamara Ashford as Deputy Assistant Attorney General

I am pleased to announce that the Attorney General has appointed Tamara Ashford to serve as the Tax Division's Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Appellate and Review.

Ms. Ashford joins the Tax Division from the Tax Controversy and Litigation Group of Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP in Washington, DC. Before joining Dewey & LeBoeuf, Ms. Ashford served as a Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, Large and Mid-Size Business Division (LMSB), at the Internal Revenue Service, and was the U.S. Director for the Joint International Tax Shelter Information Centre (JITSIC). JITSIC was created in 2004 by the IRS and the tax agencies of the United Kingdom, Canada and Australia to supplement the ongoing work of member tax administrations in identifying and curbing cross-border abusive tax avoidance transactions and schemes. As Senior Advisor and Director for JITSIC, Ms. Ashford was a member of the LMSB leadership team and specifically provided leadership in combating abusive tax shelters and implementing LMSB's strategic initiative on abusive tax avoidance transactions. Ms. Ashford led efforts to increase coordination of international tax shelter activity and to identify and curb international abusive tax avoidance transactions through the exchange of information with JITSIC member countries.

Before serving as Senior Advisor and Director for JITSIC, Ms. Ashford served as Assistant to the IRS Commissioner. Ms. Ashford was also a senior associate at the law firm of Miller & Chevalier in Washington, DC, and began her career in tax as an attorney with the Appellate Section of the Tax Division.

Ms. Ashford graduated from Duke University (A.B., public policy studies) and received her law degree from Vanderbilt Law School. Ms. Ashford also earned an LL.M. in tax (with a certificate of specialization in International Tax) from the University of Miami School of Law.

Ms. Ashford plans to join the Division in late August. Please join me in welcoming her to the Tax Division.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Gil Rothenberg, who has been serving as the Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Appellate and Review since September, 2008.