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State Taxpayer Advocate Named

Brenda Russ Appointed ADOR Taxpayer Advocate

Montgomery – State Revenue Commissioner Julie P. Magee recently named Ms. Brenda Russ to the post of Taxpayer Advocate, effective Dec. 16, 2011.

As Taxpayer Advocate, Ms. Russ will serve as an independent channel of assistance for those taxpayers who have followed standard procedures, but find their tax matters still unsatisfactorily resolved. The post of Taxpayer Advocate was established by law in 2000.

Ms. Russ, a career Revenue employee, brings to her new assignment over 31 years of experience in the property, income, and business tax audit and management areas. Ms. Russ, a Troy State University graduate and certified public manager, began her career with the ADOR in 1980 as a tax valuation analyst and later transitioned to auditing and management positions within the department's income and business tax administration areas. Prior to her appointment as Taxpayer Advocate, she most recently served as manager of the Business Tax Section of the Individual and Corporate Tax Division.

Ms. Russ filled the position vacated by Mr. Joe Walls, who was named director of the department's Sales and Use Tax Division in August 2011.

"Brenda brings a wealth of knowledge from all facets of the individual and business tax areas of the department," said Commissioner Magee. "Her commitment to a job well done and her leadership style set high standards within the department. We welcome her to our senior management team."

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