

Alabama Department of Revenue

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ADOR Commissioner Tim Russell Elected Vice-Chair Multistate Tax Commission

Montgomery—The Alabama Department of Revenue announced today that the Multistate Tax Commission's (MTC) Executive Committee elected Alabama Commissioner of Revenue Tim Russell to the post of vice-chair on May 7, 2009. He will assume his duties as vice-chair immediately.

Russell, who was elected MTC treasurer in 2008, was named vice-chair at the MTC's Spring Executive Meeting, held May 7, 2009, in Alexandria, Va., filling the vacancy created when Deputy Chief Financial Officer Stephen M. Cordi, District of Columbia, was appointed chair earlier this year.

The Multistate Tax Commission is an intergovernmental state tax agency that works on behalf of states aiding in the administration of tax laws that apply to multistate and multinational enterprises. The commission, which was created by the Multistate Tax Compact in 1967, handles a variety of tax initiatives.

The MTC works to achieve the goals of preserving federalism and tax fairness through a comprehensive range of activities that includes:

- Developing recommended uniform state tax policies with respect to interstate commerce.
- Encouraging compliance with tax laws and consistency in enforcement through the Joint Audit and National Nexus Programs.
- Training and education in complex multistate tax issues.
- Supporting states engaged in major and "cutting edge" tax litigation through amicus briefs and technical assistance.
- Advocacy of State interests in the field of multistate taxation to Congress and the Executive branch.

Currently, five ADOR representatives serve on various MTC committees in the areas of uniformity, audit, nexus, and litigation.

“I am very honored to have been elected to serve as vice-chair, and I am very proud of the department’s representatives who serve as active participants in their respective MTC committee assignments,” said Russell.

“Alabama’s participation in the activities of the MTC has been extremely beneficial to Alabama over the years. We have collected tens of millions of dollars through our partnership with the MTC. The MTC’s Joint Audit Program and the National Nexus Program alone have brought millions to the coffers of our state. In addition, the support and legal briefs provided by the Legal Staff of the MTC have been of paramount importance to the success of many of our major tax cases,” Russell added.

Forty-six states and the District of Columbia are currently members of the MTC.

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