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Subject: Personnel Announcement **Cancel Date:** After Reading

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Lon B. Smith to the position of Associate Chief Counsel Financial Institutions & Products (FI&P), effective November 18, 2001.

Mr. Smith joined the Internal Revenue Service in 1978, as a Tax Law Specialist in the Individual Tax Division. In 1982, he was reassigned, along with the Division, to the Office of Chief Counsel. Working first as a Tax Law Specialist, and then as an Attorney-Adviser, he continued to work in the Individual Tax Division until its abolishment in 1988. In October, 1988, Mr. Smith was reassigned to the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel (FI&P), where he held a series of increasingly responsible management positions. In 1997, he was promoted to the Senior Executive Service as the Assistant Chief Counsel (FI&P). In March of this year he was reassigned to the position of Deputy Associate Chief Counsel (FI&P). Mr. Smith received his J.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1977, and his LL.M. in taxation from Georgetown University in 1986.

I know you will join me in extending congratulations to Mr. Smith on his selection for this position.

/s/
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Acting Chief Counsel

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