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IRS

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

The Internal Revenue Service has appointed Brendan O'Dell to serve as the agency's new promoter investigations coordinator.

O'Dell, currently a senior advisor in the IRS Large Business & International (LB&I) Division, will coordinate promoter activity across the agency and will serve as the point person for Commissioner Chuck Rettig and IRS leadership on promoter investigations. He will serve in a temporary detail assignment as coordinator, and the IRS anticipates it will begin a national search in the near future for a person to permanently fill the position.

He will work with the IRS business units, the Office of Professional Responsibility, Criminal Investigation, Chief Counsel and other IRS offices to ensure coordination of ongoing investigations and develop new approaches to identify promoters of

aggressive tax arrangements. O'Dell will also assist IRS business units in developing

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O'Dell will report directly to Lough's office, beginning the assignment in early April.

In his current position, O'Dell advises the LB&I Commissioner on strategic issues impacting LB&I and supports the Director of LB&I's Pass-Through Entities Practice Area.

Prior to joining LB&I, O'Dell was an attorney-advisor to the Tax Legislative Counsel in the Office of Tax Policy at the Department of the Treasury from 2016-2019. In the Office of Tax Policy, O'Dell was responsible for IRS procedure and administration issues and was the lead Treasury attorney responsible for the development of the regulations and other guidance implementing the Centralized Partnership Audit Regime enacted in 2015.

Prior to joining the Treasury Department, he spent a number of years in private practice, focusing on tax controversy and tax litigation. O'Dell received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and his B.S. from St. Lawrence University.

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