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The Internal Revenue Service announced today that Guy Ficco will become the new IRS Criminal Investigation chief effective on April 1.

Ficco, the current Deputy Chief and a 29-year agency veteran, will succeed James Lee, who announced last month that he will retire at the end of March. In his new role, Ficco will oversee a worldwide staff of more than 3,200 Criminal Investigation (CI)

employees, including 2,200 special agents who investigate crimes involving tax,

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Guy Ficco

In addition to serving as CI's deputy chief, Ficco has served in leadership positions across the agency, ranging from supervisory special agent in the Washington, D.C. Field Office to executive director of Global Operations, Policy and Support at CI headquarters. He is also a certified fraud examiner.

"I'm thrilled to become CI's next chief and look forward to expanding the agency's successes," Ficco said. "Our CI team is uniquely positioned to combat not only tax crimes, but also the illicit movement of funds tied to drug and human trafficking, sanctions evasion and cybercrime. We are here to protect U.S. taxpayers from criminals who hold no regard for the victims or government coffers they drain."

Ficco holds a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting from Dominican University in New York.

CI is the law enforcement arm of the IRS, responsible for conducting financial crime investigations, including tax fraud, human and narcotics trafficking, money-laundering, public corruption, healthcare fraud, identity theft and more. CI plays an important and unique role in the federal law enforcement community. CI special agents are the only federal law enforcement agents with investigative jurisdiction over violations of the Internal Revenue Code, obtaining a nearly 90% federal

conviction rate. The agency has 20 field offices located across the U.S. and 12 attaché

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