

MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael A. Barnhill
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Revenue

DATE: Feb. 12, 2020

Colleen Glover
Director
Tax Division

FROM: Ben Stevens
Chief of Staff



SUBJECT: Ethics Screen and Delegation
for Litigation Matters
Involving Attorney Steve
Mahoney

Lucinda Mahoney has been appointed Commissioner for the Department of Revenue (“Department”). Her husband, Steve Mahoney, is an attorney who litigates tax cases against the Department. Commissioner Mahoney will be screened from those cases, and certain supervisory responsibilities will be delegated within the Department.

There will be an ethics screen for any current and incoming litigation matters involving attorney Steve Mahoney. This screen will be primarily administered by the Tax Division Director, but may involve other divisions if necessary. Any authority, including settlement authority, for matters involving attorney Steve Mahoney will be delegated to Deputy Commissioner Mike Barnhill.

This arrangement is consistent with the Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct 1.7(a), 1.10 and 1.11, and is also consistent with the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act, specifically AS 39.52.120.

cc: Kevin Clarkson, Attorney General
John Ptacin, Chief Assistant Attorney General