

# Alabama Department of Revenue

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## Mason Named ADOR Tax Policy and Research Division Director

Montgomery—State Revenue Commissioner Tom Surtees recently announced the appointment of Michael E. Mason as director of the Alabama Department of Revenue's newly-formed Tax Policy and Research Division.

The new division—Tax Policy and Research—is a consolidation of two key areas within the Revenue Department's organization—the Tax Policy Office and the Research Division. Mason was named director following the announced retirement plans of Research Division Director John H. Mann, effective Jan. 1, 2006.

As director of the Tax Policy and Research Division, Mason serves as the department's centralized source for determining, coordinating, and communicating major Alabama tax issues under consideration by the ADOR with the tax professional community. In addition to tax policy issues, the division is also responsible for specific auditing functions related to various business tax areas, as well as the development and preparation of revenue-related legislation and associated economic impact analyses, statistical summaries, and annual revenue estimates. The newly-organized division will also combine some functions that were formerly split between other areas of the department, including the processing of all departmental regulations, revenue procedures, and in coordination with the department's Legal Division, all revenue rulings.

Mason, a 31-year career employee with a CPA certification and MBA degree, began his career with the Revenue Department in 1974 as a Revenue field examiner. In 1997, after working his way through the ranks and holding various supervisory positions within both the income tax and sales tax divisions,

Mason was named director of the Tax Policy Office and held that position until his appointment as director of the newly-formed Tax Policy and Research Division Nov. 12, 2005.

“Mike brings a wealth of knowledge from all facets of the department,” said State Revenue Commissioner Tom Surtees. “His varied experience in so many areas of the department makes him uniquely qualified for this job and I look forward to working with him.”

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