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I am pleased to announce the appointment of Roland Barral to the position of Area Counsel (Large and Mid-Size Business) (Area 1) (Financial Services), effective May 6, 2001.

Mr. Barral joined the Office of Chief Counsel in 1983 after receiving his J.D. from Rutgers University that same year. Employed first as a docket attorney and promoted, in 1989, to Special Litigation Assistant in the Manhattan District Counsel Office, Mr. Barral was one of the founding member's of that district's large case and industry specialization programs. In 1991, he was promoted to an Assistant District Counsel position in Manhattan, and served as Acting Deputy District Counsel from mid-1998 through late1999. In 2000, Mr. Barral was selected for a detail to the Area Counsel position, pending OPM certification.   Mr. Barral also possesses an LL.M. in Taxation which he received from the New York University School of Law in 1993.

As an LMSB Area Counsel, Mr. Barral is responsible for managing, through subordinate Associate Area Counsel, several LMSB field offices in providing day-to-day advisory services and litigation support to IRS. He also serves as the Office's primary manager of IRS-wide programs, services, and strategies for identifying, resolving and litigating tax matters involving financial services industries.

Mr. Barral resides in New Jersey with his wife, Lisa, and two children: Christopher and Morgan.

I know you will join me in extending congratulations to Mr. Barral on his appointment to the Senior Executive Service.

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Richard Skillman
Acting Chief Counsel

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