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MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL PERSONNEL CHANGES LABOR DAY CLOSURE NOTICE OF MAIL PROCESSING DELAYS

In this issue of the MTT Newsletter, we first want to say goodbye and offer our gratitude to Lisa Gigliotti, who left the Tribunal effective August 31, 2021.

Tribunal Personnel Changes:

The Michigan Tax Tribunal bids a fond farewell to Lisa Gigliotti, former Division Director of the Tribunal, who left state employment this week after over 20 years of service for new professional pursuits in the private sector. We will miss Lisa's smile and enthusiasm for the Tribunal and wish her the best in her new endeavors. Thank you for your stellar contributions to the MTT, MOAHR, and the people of Michigan.

We also extend our warmest greetings to two new MTT employees who will begin their careers at the Michigan Tax Tribunal on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Please join us in welcoming our newest General Office Assistant, Kate Campbell, and new Legal Secretary, Torey Seyfried. Kate will be joining our office assistant team and will assist in processing appeals. Torey will be joining our legal secretary team and will be assisting the Tribunal's judges in maintaining their dockets.

Labor Day Office Closing:

Please note that the offices of the Michigan Tax Tribunal will be closed Monday, September 6th, in observance of Labor Day, and will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Mail Processing Delays:

The Tribunal has been experiencing mail processing delays due to a recent shortage of staff and heavier than normal mail volume. We appreciate your patience. New staff additions will help address this issue, and we also suggest the use of e-filing to avoid undue delays in processing cases. If you do not have an e-filing account, please register here:

https://efiling.apps.lara.state.mi.us/Account/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f&rg=1</u>. Feel free to call the Tribunal at 517-335-9760 for assistance in the registration process. MICHIGAN OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL 611 W. OTTAWA ST., LANSING, MI 48933 · P.O. BOX 30232, LANSING, MI 48909 · 517-335-9760 Also, as a reminder, please note that there is no need to submit duplicate copies of documents already submitted or copies sent concurrently by email and first-class mail unless specifically requested.

I trust that this information is useful to you. Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend!

Sincerely,

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