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## People on the Move

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Erik Olson has been promoted to chief of staff for Rep. Ron Kind, D-Wis. Olson was Kind's policy adviser and previously served as a legislative assistant.

Olson succeeds Cindy Brown, who is joining Mehlman Vogel Castagnetti Inc., a lobbying and government relations firm. Brown previously was Kind's lead staff member for the New Democrat Coalition. Before coming to Kind's office, Brown was an aide to Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich.

David DeGennaro has been promoted to senior legislative assistant to Kind. He was a legislative assistant and, before that, a legislative correspondent.

Sarah Dohl has been hired as communications director and press secretary for Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas. Dohl was previously a speechwriter and deputy press secretary to Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash.

Ruth Hupart has joined Doggett's staff as a legislative assistant for energy and environmental issues. Hupart worked in the government affairs office for Ducks Unlimited, a wetlands conservation organization. Before that, she was assistant sustainability manager at Dartmouth College.

Scott Mulhauser has been appointed senior adviser and counsel to the Senate Finance Committee, directing the panel's media operations under Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont. Mulhauser served in the same capacity for Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg, D-N.J. Before that, he worked in the offices of Sens. John B. Breaux, D-La. (1987-2005) and Robert G. Torricelli, D-N.J. (1997-2003).

Neil Simon has been appointed communications director for the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, an independent agency also known as the Helsinki Commission. He was a senior multimedia reporter for Media General.

Michael Bean has been appointed counselor at the Interior Department. Bean worked for the Environmental Defense Fund, where he served as co-director of the Center for Conservation Incentives.

Robert S. Milligan has been elected chairman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's board of directors after serving as vice chairman. He is chairman of M.I. Industries, an animal and meat protein processing company.

Thomas Bell has been elected vice chairman of the chamber's board of directors, succeeding Milligan. He serves as chairman of the board and CEO of Cousins Properties Inc. Before that, he was chairman and CEO of Young & Rubicam Inc.

Shannon Flaherty has been appointed vice president of the Herald Group LLC. She most recently managed strategic communications and public policy campaigns for First Principles LLC, a consulting firm. Before that, she was press secretary to former Rep. Tom DeLay, R Texas (1985-2006).

William "**Bill**" **Sweeney** has been appointed president and CEO of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES). He served on the board of directors at IFES between 1993 and 2001, and was chairman from 1999 to 2000. Earlier in his career, Sweeney was deputy chairman of the Democratic National Committee. He founded Washington Resources and Strategy, a public affairs management company.

Sweeney succeeds Jean-Pierre Kingsley.

Natasha Altamirano has been appointed manager of media relations at the Tax Foundation. She most recently worked for the National Taxpayers Union.

She succeeds Matt Moon.

Katherine J. Maynard has been promoted to chief operating officer at the public affairs firm Spectrum. Maynard was executive vice president of client services.

Heather Smith has been hired as director of communications at Americans United for Life. Smith most recently was a producer for "The Lars Larson Show," a radio program.

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