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Administrators named for DFI’s Divisions of Banking, Securities

MADISON – Administrators for the Divisions of Banking and Securities have been named at the Department of Financial Institutions, Secretary Lon E. Roberts has announced. Cheryll Olson-Collins has been appointed Administrator of the Division of Banking, while Leslie Van Buskirk has been appointed to the top position in the Division of Securities.

“Leslie and Cheryll both are well respected and possess a wealth of knowledge about their industries,” Roberts said. “I am confident they will do a great job of leading their respective divisions to help keep Wisconsin’s financial institutions safe and sound and protect consumers of financial products.”

Olson-Collins has served at DFI since 2007, most recently as Acting Administrator of the Division of Banking. Prior to that, she served as Administrator of the Division of Administrative Services and Technology, and Administrator of the Division of Corporate and Consumer Services.

Olson-Collins spent more than two decades in the private-sector banking industry before joining DFI. She began her banking career with the First National Bank of Portage, which was acquired by Associated Bank. She worked for Associated in a variety of leadership positions, including 10 years as community bank president in charge of 14 branches.

Olson-Collins earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is a graduate of the UW Graduate School of Banking. She succeeds Mike Mach, who retired last year after more than 44 years with DFI.

Van Buskirk has served as an attorney in the Division of Securities’ Enforcement Bureau since 2002. In 2008, she was elevated to attorney supervisor. Prior to joining DFI, Van Buskirk was in private practice for more than 12 years at Kersten & McKinnon, S.C., a Milwaukee civil litigation law firm.

A member of the State Bar of Wisconsin, she served on the Board of Directors of the Business Law Section from 2003 to 2013. She also is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and a member of the ABA’s Business Law, Criminal Justice and Litigation Sections. From October 2010 to the present, Van Buskirk has served as Chair of the North American Securities Administrators Association’s
(NASAA) Arbitration Project Group, which she joined in 2006. In 2014, she received a NASAA Distinguished Service Award for her work with that project group.

Van Buskirk earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and her law degree from Marquette University Law School. She is licensed to practice law in Wisconsin state and federal courts, as well as the 7th Circuit. She succeeds Patricia Struck, who died unexpectedly last year after more than 20 years as Securities Administrator.

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