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State Treasurer
Denise L. Nappier

Statement

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After a comprehensive search in consultation with a distinguished team of advisors, State Treasurer Denise Nappier announced that former State Senator Jonathan Harris of West Hartford was appointed Deputy Treasurer and Christine Shaw, most recently the Treasury's legislative liaison and acting communications director, was named Chief of Staff.

Jonathan joins the Treasury with a noteworthy record of public service and private practice of law. A *cum laude* graduate of Brandeis University, with a BA in Politics & Russian Studies, and a JD from New York University School of Law, he has been a member of the Connecticut bar since 1990 with a private practice focused on commercial law and finance. Jonathan's civic participation has included service on the West Hartford Town Council; Mayor of West Hartford; and State Senator for the towns of West Hartford, Farmington, Bloomfield and Burlington. Beyond elective office, Jonathan has a long record of community service with numerous boards and commissions. Nappier said, "The sum of Jonathan's experiences gives him a rich perspective that will enhance the communications, policy and strategic development work of the Treasury."

"I look forward to the opportunity to work with Treasurer Nappier in promoting the financial health of our state and drawing from my experience, working in collaboration with others, to chart a more disciplined fiscal course that serves the best interest of all the citizens and taxpayers of Connecticut," Harris said.

Christine Shaw is a 12-year veteran of the Treasury, having joined Nappier at the beginning of her tenure in 1999. Her government career path was encouraged early on as a mentee of former Hartford Mayor Carrie Saxon Perry. She holds three degrees from the University of Connecticut: a BA in Economics and Political Science; an MBA and a JD. As Chief of Staff, Christine will oversee the operating divisions of the Treasury -- including the pension fund, cash and debt management functions -- and joins Jonathan as a key member of Nappier's leadership team.

In commenting on her recent appointments, Nappier said that she worked with an advisory group of professional colleagues and associates representing both the public and private sectors that screened applicants and recommended top candidates to her. "I am grateful to my advisors for the highly talented pool of applicants from which to choose. Both Jonathan and Christine bring seasoned professional public sector experience to their new roles at the Treasury," said Nappier. "They will provide invaluable insight, maintain high standards of integrity, and be strong drivers for the cost effective conduct of our work in safeguarding and growing the state government's financial resources and contributing to the economic vibrancy of Connecticut".