



Good afternoon. Thank you for coming today.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce Shirley Chase as the new commissioner of the Department of Labor & Industry.

In the past I've said that it is difficult to lure successful people away from the private sector but today we have.

Shirley is a lawyer; however, I didn't hold that against her.

Seriously, though, Shirley was one of three finalists selected by the search committee from 28 who had applied for the job.

I've known Shirley for 27 years. She was co-chair of my transition team when I was governor-elect, and a person who helped me find my permanent chief-of-staff, Steven Bosacker.

Shirley was appointed in 1998 to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, which she resigned yesterday to take this job.

As commissioner she brings an extensive management background, legal know-how and excellent motivational skills.

Please welcome with me the new commissioner of the Department of Labor & Industry, Shirley Chase.