

IRS**News Release****Media Relations Office****Washington, D.C.****Tel. 202.622.4000****For Release: 1/27/03****Release No: IR-2003-11****NANCY J. JARDINI NAMED DEPUTY CHIEF OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION**

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service announced today the selection of Nancy J. Jardini as Deputy Chief of Criminal Investigation (CI), the agency's law enforcement arm.

Jardini, the first woman in CI's 84-year history to serve in a leadership role as the Deputy Chief, directs the nationwide policies and programs that guide a staff of approximately 4,500 employees, including more than 2,900 special agents. CI special agents investigate and assist in the prosecution of criminal tax, money laundering and narcotics-related financial crime cases.

"Nancy has an impressive background that will benefit both Criminal Investigation and American taxpayers," said Acting IRS Commissioner Bob Wenzel. "Her extensive experience as Associate Chief Counsel for Criminal Tax in IRS will serve well in her new position of Deputy Chief, Criminal Investigation."

"I am proud to join an organization with a long history of distinguished service," said Jardini. "CI special agents are well-respected law enforcement officers who are renowned for their financial investigative expertise. And I look forward to continuing CI's mission to investigate potential criminal violations in a manner that fosters confidence in the tax system and compliance with the law. Our top priority is to investigate violations of tax law. But our special agents' financial expertise also is a critical key in the nation's fight against terrorism and drug trafficking, and we continue to participate in those efforts."

Prior to joining Criminal Investigation, Jardini was the Associate Chief Counsel/Division Counsel for Criminal Tax within IRS. She directed a nationwide staff of attorneys deployed in 35 locations nationwide and in the national headquarters in Washington. Those criminal tax specialists worked closely with the special agents and managers of Criminal Investigation during all stages of their investigations relating to criminal violations of the Internal Revenue laws and other statutes for which the IRS has enforcement responsibility.

Jardini, who has been a criminal law practitioner for over fifteen years, came to the IRS in July 2000, from the Criminal Division of the Justice Department. In addition to her experience as both a federal prosecutor and as a defense attorney, she has written and lectured extensively on a variety of topics related to criminal law and procedure.

Jardini earned a bachelor's degree in History and Spanish from Chatham College in 1985 and a juris doctor degree from Villanova University in 1988. She is a native of Pittsburgh, PA.

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