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## **Andrew Hitt Named New Assistant Deputy Secretary**

Andrew Hitt has been appointed to the Assistant Deputy Secretary position at the Department of Administration (DOA) effective next week. Hitt will replace Wendy Coomer, who has accepted a position in the private sector, which will be announced by that business in the coming days. Coomer served in this role since November, 2011.

"I look forward to working with Andrew. His work within the administration as well as the professional and legal experience he brings to the position will be a tremendous asset to DOA," said Secretary Mike Huebsch. "I want to thank Wendy Coomer for her service to the State. We will miss her professionalism and wonderful sense of humor."

Hitt comes to DOA after holding the same position at the Department of Health Services since March 2013, where he focused on the department's policy initiatives, legislation, and worked closely with interested stakeholders. Previously, Hitt served as the Senior Advisor and Senior Counsel in Governor Scott Walker's Office. He managed policy staff to develop the Governor's strategic initiatives for the 2013-2015 budget, managed the Governor's Office response and coordination with state agencies during natural disasters and homeland security events, and served as the point person for disaster response coordination with state agencies.

As the Governor's Deputy Legal Counsel, Hitt provided counsel on questions of state and federal statutory and constitutional law, served as the primary ethics officers for executive staff, and directed the Governor's Office of Regulatory Compliance, which reviews and approves all administrative rules promulgated by state agencies.

Hitt has experience at the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Nursing Research in Bethesda, Maryland as a Research Specialist planning, conducting and analyzing scientific experiments to study cancer cachexia, and also worked as an Associate Research Specialist in the McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research at the University of Wisconsin – Madison conducting and analyzing experiments for multiple breast cancer prevention projects.

Hitt received his law degree from Marquette University Law School. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Medical Microbiology and Immunology from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

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