



## ***DCU BULLETIN***

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### **New Director of Credit Unions Division**

Linda Jekel has been appointed Director of the Division of Credit Unions, effective December 2, 2002. The Seattle native has been the Division's Program Manager since 1995 and was in charge of managing the examination and supervision program. She is a leader at the National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors (NASCUS), recently speaking on the innovator panel at the September 2002 NASCUS conference. Prior to working for Washington State, Linda was a vice president at Heritage Federal Savings and Loan Association, now called Heritage Savings Bank. From her background as a thrift manager, she understands what it is like to sit across the desk from a regulator examining financial services. Linda earned both her undergraduate and graduate Business Administration degrees from Pacific Lutheran University and achieved a graduate banking certificate from Pacific Coast Banking School in 1997.

Helen Howell, the Director of Department of Financial Institutions, described the selection process as "grueling." The top candidates were interviewed by an internal agency panel, a stakeholder panel, and finally by the Director.

### **Mike Delimont to Serve as Acting Program Manager**

Mike Delimont has been named Acting Program Manager of the Division, effective December 2, 2002. Formerly with the Division of Banks, Mike has been with the Division since 1996. In 1999, he became the Examiner Supervisor for the Division and successfully implemented many of the award-winning quality projects in place at the Division. In addition, Mike has over 8 years experience in banking and securities working as the financial officer at an Alaska commercial bank. A graduate of Kansas State University, he earned a graduate banking certificate from Pacific Coast Banking School. Mike will serve for about six months in an acting capacity while DCU completes an executive recruitment to fill the position permanently. Mike is also eligible to compete for the permanent Program Manager position.

### **New phone and fax numbers**

Both Linda Jekel and Mike Delimont have new numbers.

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