

Biography - Frank M. O'Connell

State Revenue Commissioner Frank M. O'Connell was previously Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel for the Georgia Department of Revenue. He began his 20 years of service with the State of Georgia in DOR's Compliance Division and transferred to Legal Affairs & Tax Policy as Assistant Director.

As Deputy Commissioner, Mr. O'Connell was responsible for the Tax Operations divisions of Audits, Taxpayer Services, Compliance, and Processing, and the External Operations divisions of Motor Vehicle Tag & Title, Alcohol & Tobacco Regulation, Local Government Services, and Special Investigations. In his role as General Counsel he led the division that prepared letter rulings, policy bulletins, and agency regulations, and also drafted legislative bills for the Department's annual legislative package. On a day-to-day basis, the Office of General Counsel drafts and reviews agency contracts, responds to Open Records Act and subpoena requests, and advises on the application of confidentiality laws.

Prior to joining the Department in 2003, Mr. O'Connell consulted in state and local taxation for ten years in two "Big Four" accounting firms. A member of the Tax Section of the Georgia Bar Association, Mr. O'Connell received his law degree from the University of Notre Dame and his LL.M. (in Taxation) from New York University.