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**NEW DIRECTOR APPOINTED TO UTAH LABOR COMMISSION'S
ANTIDISCRIMINATION AND LABOR DIVISION**

Salt Lake City - A veteran of the Utah Labor Commission has been appointed as the new Director of the Commission's Utah Antidiscrimination and Labor Division (UALD).

Heather Gunnarson will take the helm at UALD which investigates and resolves complaints from Utahns who believe they have been discriminated against in employment and housing.

Ms. Gunnarson comes to the Division from the Utah Labor Commission's Adjudication Division, where she served as Director and Presiding Judge for nearly five years. Prior to that, she served as UALD Director starting in 2006. Before joining the Utah Labor Commission, Ms. Gunnarson was a litigation partner in the Salt Lake City-area law firm of Hoole & King, L.C.

"I'm excited by the challenges this new job presents and look forward to working with the bright and talented members of the UALD as we strive to serve the residents of Utah with the expertise and professionalism they expect from their government," said Ms. Gunnarson. "I am thrilled to be able to return to a division that is focused on ensuring fairness in employment and housing."

She is a past president of the Utah Employment Lawyers Association, former member of the Advisory Committee on Sexual Harrassment with the National Employment Lawyers Association, and served a judicial internship with the Utah Supreme Court.

"I am incredibly pleased that Heather has agreed to resume her leadership of UALD. Her talents, experience and commitment are exactly what the Division needs at this critical time," said Jaceson Maughan, Commissioner of the Utah Labor Commission.

The Utah Labor Commission is a state agency that works to achieve safety for employers and employees in the state's workplaces and ensure fairness in employment and housing through services that include consultation, education, inspections, compliance, and mediation.

