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## **Michele (Justin) Pielsticker Named Cal-Tax General Counsel and Tax Policy Analyst**

Teresa Casazza, acting president of the California Taxpayers' Association, announced today that tax expert Michele Pielsticker has been hired to serve as the association's general counsel and tax policy analyst, effective May 15.

"Michele is a great addition to the Cal-Tax team, with proven experience in analyzing tax policy, and a record of fighting unnecessary taxes and government waste," Casazza said. "As our general counsel and tax policy analyst, she will play a vital role in protecting the interests of California's hard-working taxpayers."

Since 2004, Pielsticker (formerly Michele Justin) has served as the senior tax consultant for the Assembly Republican Caucus, providing policy advice and technical analyses of all proposals that affect California's tax rates, focusing her efforts on the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee and the Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy.

Pielsticker, who earned her law degree and bachelor's degree in international relations at the University of California at Davis, also has served as a judicial extern for U.S. District Court Judge Edward Garcia, and as an aide to then Senate Republican Leader Ken Maddy.

Pielsticker lives in Sacramento with her husband and two children.

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Cal-Tax was founded in 1926 to protect taxpayers from unnecessary taxes and to promote efficient, quality government services. The association serves taxpayers through research and advocacy on significant tax and spending issues in the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government.

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