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Secretary Perez Appoints Scott C. Baumbach as Deputy Secretary

State Labor Secretary selects attorney specializing in employment law as top aide

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Manny Perez today announced the appointment of labor and employment relations attorney Scott C. Baumbach as Deputy Secretary of the department.

“Scott Baumbach’s experience and expertise as an attorney in labor and employment relations will be invaluable as we act on Governor Walker’s agenda to create jobs and new businesses in Wisconsin,” Secretary Perez said. “I am pleased to have Scott as a member of our team.”

As Deputy Secretary, Baumbach will work closely with Secretary Perez in managing the agency’s daily operations. With 1,645 employees, DWD works with employers to fill jobs, provides training and employment services to workers, enforces workers’ rights, and administers Unemployment Insurance and Worker’s Compensation programs.

Until his appointment, Baumbach was a partner with Michael Best & Friedrich, representing employers in all aspects of labor and employment law. He joined the law firm’s Madison office in the fall of 2001, after serving one year as a law clerk to then Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Diane Sykes.

Baumbach received his law degree from Marquette University in 2000 and an undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 1996. He is a cum laude graduate of both schools.

Secretary Perez plans to announce his Executive Assistant and Division Administrators in the near future.