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Carl Artman Sworn In as New Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

WASHINGTON – Carl J. Artman was sworn into office today as the Interior Department's tenth Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. Artman is an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin whose nomination was confirmed by the United States Senate on March 5, 2007.

"Carl is an outstanding choice to oversee the Bureau of Indian Affairs because of his extensive experience working with and for tribal governments as well as in the executive and legislative branches of the U.S. government," said Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne. "I have personally worked with him and know he will ably serve his fellow American Indians, Alaska Natives and all Americans as we address important issues, such as education, law enforcement and economic development in Indian Country."

A public swearing-in ceremony with Secretary Kempthorne is expected to take place in Washington, D.C., within the coming month.

Artman, 41, had served as the Department's Associate Solicitor for Indian Affairs since February 2006. Prior to joining the Solicitor's Office, he served as chief counsel for the Oneida Tribe where he managed all legal affairs of the tribe and provided legal guidance for tribal-wide reorganization and economic development. He also has experience with various telecommunications companies, including serving as general manager of development and operations for VoiceStream Wireless and vice president of legal affairs for Airadigm Communications.

Artman received his bachelor's degree from Columbia College in Columbia, Mo., and his law degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

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