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**TCPI Honors Pamela F. Olson at Annual Symposium**

**Olson is Eighth Recipient of TCPI Pillar of Excellence Award**

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 9, 2017 – The Tax Council Policy Institute (TCPI) announced today that Pamela (Pam) F. Olson, PwC US Deputy Tax Leader & Washington National Tax Services Leader, will be awarded its 2017 Pillar of Excellence Award in recognition of Ms. Olson's extraordinary contributions to the tax community and its efforts to formulate tax policy. It will be presented at TCPI's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Tax Policy & Practice Symposium held February 16-17 in Washington, D.C.

"With an eminent career in public service and track record of leadership in the private sector, Pam is the perfect choice for this year's Pillar of Excellence Award" said Tim Raymond, Chair of TCPI's Board of Directors and Assistant General Tax Counsel at Exxon Mobil Corporation. "Pam embodies all the qualifications set forth in the award criteria. We are delighted to recognize her accomplishments and contributions. She is a credit to her firm and to the profession."

Ms. Olson is the eighth recipient of this award, which honors those tax professions who through their individual actions not only play a key role in tax policy but also advance the knowledge and understanding of the tax community at large.

"Pam Olson not only has a long and distinguished career as an outstanding leader in tax law, policy, and administration, both in the public and private sector, she has the distinct honor of having been the first woman to serve as the Assistant Treasury Secretary for Tax Policy and as the chair of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation in 2000 and 2001," said Lynda K. Walker, Esq., Executive Director and General Counsel of TCPI. "We are proud to present TCPI's Pillar of Excellence Award to Pam for her significant and continuing role in shaping tax policy. The generosity of her time and spirit are displayed by the numerous contributions she has made to the tax profession and community. For all these reasons, she is particularly deserving of this award."

At PwC, Ms. Olson leads a team that includes many former senior government officials and policy advisers. Prior to joining PwC, she led the Washington tax practice at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and served as Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy at the U.S. Department of Treasury.

As Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, she had supervisory responsibility for providing the Secretary of the Treasury with policy analysis and recommendations for all domestic and international issues of federal taxation, including legislative proposals, regulatory guidance, and tax treaties, and for providing the official estimates of all government receipts for the president's budget and treasury cash management decisions. She received the Treasury Department's highest award, distinguished service awards from the Federal Bar Association and Tax Executives Institute, and delivered both the Lawrence Woodworth and Erwin Griswold annual lectures.

Ms. Olson received her B.A., M.B.A., and J.D. from the University of Minnesota.

TCPI's 18th Annual Tax Policy & Practice Symposium, "Tax Policy in Transition: Diverging Views in a Converging World," will explore the themes of "transition" and "convergence or divergence" and share perspectives and understand how current, proposed and possible future changes may impact companies' tax planning practices and structures. For more details, please visit [www.tcpi.org](http://www.tcpi.org).

**About TCPI**

The Tax Council Policy Institute is a non-profit, non-partisan, 501(c)(3) public policy research and educational organization. It was created to help bring about a better understanding of significant tax policies that impact businesses and the economy through careful study, thoughtful evaluation and open discussion. The annual Tax Policy & Practice Symposium is one of the programs utilized by TCPI to accomplish its mission.

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