

## **Biography of Tax Commissioner Dale W. Steager**

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Dale W. Steager was appointed by Governor Jim Justice on January 16, 2017. Dale W. Steager graduated from West Virginia University in 1968 with a B.A. in Political Science and from West Virginia University College of Law in 1971 with a J.D. degree.

For more than 34 years Dale W. Steager worked for the State Tax Department and the Department of Revenue in various capacities including Director of the Inheritance and Transfer Tax Division, Director of the Legal Division, General Counsel to the Tax Commissioner and General Counsel to the Secretary of Revenue. Mr. Steager left the Department of Revenue in October of 2005 to enter private practice with the Charleston, West Virginia, based law firm of Spilman, Thomas & Battle, PLLC, where he practiced in the areas of taxation and government relations.

He was the author of the West Virginia chapters of two publications of the American Bar Association – The Property Tax Deskbook and The Sales and Use Tax Deskbook. He was editor of the 2010 – 2017 Guidebooks to West Virginia Taxes published by the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants and authored the severance tax and unclaimed property chapters of the Guidebook.