

## CI Division Chief Weber Resigning at End of May

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IRS Criminal Investigation division Chief Richard Weber will resign at the end of May without a formally designated successor, the IRS revealed April 19.

In an April 18 internal email provided to Tax Analysts, Weber informed CI employees of his upcoming departure. Weber, who has held the post for five years, thanked CI employees for their “tremendous support” and said he would work with deputy chief Don Fort on the transition.

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The IRS did not comment on who might replace Weber.

Weber replaced Victor Song as head of CI in 2012. He came to the position from the Manhattan district attorney’s office and before that was the chief of the asset forfeiture and money laundering section of the Justice Department. He received his JD from the Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center.

Paul Hynes of Zuckerman Spaeder LLP said the IRS maintained a high conviction rate and expanded its offshore enforcement efforts during Weber’s leadership of CI. “But cuts to the IRS’s funding and a focus on matters such as identity theft and other forms of cybercrime have led to a noticeable reduction in the investigation and prosecution of more traditional tax offenses as well as the more complex ones,” he said. ■