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Vermont Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas Hires Kevin Rushing as the new Office of Professional Regulation Director

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Montpelier, VT- Vermont Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas has hired Kevin Rushing to be the Office of Professional Regulation's (OPR) new director. Kevin served in the Federal government for 38 years, at both the U.S. Agency for International Development and U.S. Department of State. He was in high-level management positions that oversaw the United States' national security and diplomatic interests, economic and social development programs, humanitarian efforts, and disaster assistance in developing countries. He also trained as a veterinarian, is a former deputy sheriff, and has most recently supervised a security team at Rutland Regional Medical Center.

Secretary Copeland Hanzas stated, "Kevin has extensive leadership and organizational knowledge, and we are confident that he will be a strong leader within the Secretary of State's Office." Deputy Secretary of State Lauren Hibbert added that she was "excited that Kevin has a diversity of professional experiences while also being committed to public service."

Rushing takes Hibbert's former spot in the wake of her appointment to deputy secretary.

"They do important work here at OPR and it's obvious they have a great team," said Rushing. "I will enjoy learning all about it and love the fact that I can give back to Vermont."

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