

## Jill Schurtz of Minneapolis Picked to lead SPTRFA as Executive Director

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the selection of Ms. Jill Schurtz as the next Executive Director for the St. Paul Teachers' Retirement Fund Association. She will start her duties on June 1.

First up for the new Director will be travelling with SPTRFA Assistant Director Christine MacDonald to the annual meeting of Plan directors of the National Council on Teachers Retirement (NCTR) meetings in Austin, TX, June 1-3. Jill will work alongside the departing director, Paul Doane, for a few weeks during June to insure a seamless transition.

She brings an impressive academic and professional background to the position. She and her family reside in Minneapolis (we won't hold that against her!) where her spouse is an executive with a large Minnesota based corporation. They have three school aged children and came to the Twin Cities area from New York in 2012.

Jill is a graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point, NY and had a distinguished military career involving tours of duty stateside as well as in the Republic of Korea, before receiving her law degree from Columbia, where she was a member of the Columbia Business Law Review and a Harlan Fisk Stone Scholar.

She has worked in the corporate tax area for the highly respected law firm of Skadden Arps in New York and Chicago, with the investment banking firm of US Bancorp Piper Jaffray in New York and the equity research team of Knight Equity Markets, LP. More recently she served, first as *Chief Operating Officer* and later as *Chief Executive Officer*, with Robeco-Sage Investment Management, a New York based hedge fund group before her move to Minnesota in 2012.

Jill serves on the boards of several national philanthropic and cultural organizations and still has found time to compete in several New York City marathons and play the occasional round of golf.

Her experiences with a variety of head investment and corporate management positions, along with her legal background and wonderful personality will serve the SPTRFA members, Board and staff extremely well in meeting the myriad of challenging issues and opportunities going forward.