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Christine Puglisi is a Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) with the Internal Revenue Service- Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI) out of the Philadelphia Field Office. Christine began her career as a Special Agent in 2011, primarily investigating Title 26, Title 31, and Title 18 investigations in the Boston Field Office. Christine is specially trained in IRS-CI programs responsible for investigating criminal violations of the Internal Revenue Code and related financial crimes involving tax, money laundering, identity theft, and structuring.

Since 2016, Christine has worked exclusively on international criminal tax and money laundering cases. For two years she served on the Swiss Bank Program (SBP) detail alongside the Department of Justice-Tax Division. In 2018, she was selected to be part of the new International Tax and Financial Crimes specialty group in the Washington, D.C. Field Office and served as the group's SSA for a year. The ITFC is a specialty group comprised of Special Agents located across the United States that are subject matter experts in international tax investigations. The ITFC utilizes strategic partnerships with external stakeholders to include United States Attorney's offices from across the country and the Department of Justice Tax Division. The primary goals of the ITFC include identifying and investigating enablers, financial institutions, third party asset managers, promoters, referral agents, and expatriated U.S. citizens who utilized international jurisdictions to effect tax fraud. The ITFC also ensures compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act by identifying and investigating those U.S. persons who fail to report their foreign accounts. The ITFC is a major contributor to the Joint Chief's of Global Tax Enforcement (J5) collaborating with the J5 countries to further IRS-CI's international mission to combat offshore tax evasion.

Christine's first position in government was with the IRS Small Business/Self-Employed Operating Division as a Revenue Agent where she audited tax returns of individuals, corporations, and flow-through entities. She attended Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree, with a major in Accounting.