Attorney in Charge of IRS’ Email Production Now in Charge of State Dep’t Emails

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(CNSNews.com) - Catherine Duval, the attorney in charge of the Internal Revenue Service's email production to Congress, has changed jobs: She now manages the State Department’s email production to Congress, Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.) told a hearing of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee on Thursday, June 25.

Both the IRS and State Department have come under congressional scrutiny over their email production amid suspicions that critical documents may have been withheld or destroyed.

Word that Catherine Duval -- also known as Kate Duval -- has worked at both the IRS and the State Department came last Thursday, when Gowdy questioned Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration J. Russell George and Deputy Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration Tim Camus.

Figure 1: Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.), Chairman of the House Oversight Special Committee investigating Benghazi.
“I want to ask you about another name. Have you ever heard of the name Kate Duval?” asked Gowdy.

“Yes sir,” said Camus.

“Who is Kate Duval? Because I think I’ve heard that name before too,” said Gowdy.

“Kate Duval is the chief counsel representative, the IRS’ counselor concerning the production issues to Congress,” said Camus. “She was a lawyer in charge of making sure the counsel made production to Congress.” (The Senate Finance Committee also lists Kate Duval in its timeline of IRS communications with Congress.)

“So she’s in charge of making sure that emails and other matters get produced,” said Gowdy.

“Yes sir,” said Camus.

“Is she still with the IRS?” asked Gowdy.

“She is not, I don’t recall the date that she left, but she’s no longer,” said Camus.

“Do you know where she is now?” asked Gowdy.

“I can get that information for you,” said Camus.

“No, I know where she is now. She’s at the Department of State, in charge of their email productions,” said Gowdy. “Wow.”

The State Department confirmed to CNSNews.com that Catherine Duval is employed as a senior advisor in the Bureau of Legislative Affairs.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s use of a private email server to conduct government business came to light earlier this year, when the House Oversight Committee requested communications between Clinton and her aides relating to the attack on Americans in Benghazi, Libya.

Since then, Clinton has turned over 55,000 work-related emails to the State Department for review and possible release to the committee.

But questions persist about whether she’s turned over all of the pertinent documents, as she claims she has. The Associated Press reported last week that the State Department cannot find some of Clinton’s work-related emails that were turned over to the House Oversight Committee by one of Clinton’s advisers.

Meanwhile, members of the Oversight Committee last week accused the IRS of destroying some of Lois Lerner’s emails despite a subpoena and an order to preserve them.

“There was a preservation order in place, there’s a subpoena in place, they’ve never complied with it; we’ve had testimony from the IRS commissioner that we would get all this only to find out they’ve been degaussing these tapes and they destroyed evidence,” said Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) at the June 25 hearing.