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[Cole S. Kain Selected to Serve as First Deputy Inspector General](#)

The OEIG welcomes Cole S. Kain as its First Deputy Inspector General. Mr. Kain has more than fifteen years of experience investigating and litigating employee misconduct and fraud claims involving commercial businesses and federally insured financial institutions.

“We are proud to have Mr. Kain join the OEIG team at this critical time for our organization,” stated Executive Inspector General Ricardo Meza. Mr. Kain has authored and edited numerous publications addressing employee dishonesty and fraud and has served as editor of *Annotated Commercial Crime Policy (Second Edition)*, a book published by the American Bar Association in 2006. As a former law clerk to the late Honorable Dominick L. DiCarlo, Chief Judge, United States Court of International Trade and former Trustee for the Village of Oakwood Hills, Oakwood Hills, Illinois, Mr. Kain will bring a wealth of experience to the OEIG. He was graduated from The University of Iowa (B.A.), The John Marshall Law School (J.D., *with high distinction*) and New York University School of Law (LL.M.).

[A Message from the Deputy Director and An OEIG Update on SB 3965](#) [Chief of the Springfield Division](#)



The Springfield Division of the OEIG is responsible for conducting investigative functions relating to state agencies located in central and southern Illinois. The division’s office, which is located at 607 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois, is in close proximity to many state agencies and employees.

The division’s current staff includes seven investigators and five attorneys and its office also houses the OEIG’s supervisor of information technology and the OEIG’s legislative liaison.

Springfield staff members have a wealth of investigative and prosecutorial experience and come from diverse backgrounds. Our investigators have served in various law enforcement capacities and our Assistant Inspectors General have considerable relevant experience having served, for example, as state prosecutors and as Assistant Attorneys General in Illinois and Massachusetts.

Neil P. Olson
Deputy Director & Chief of the
Springfield Division

On November 29, 2010, Sean Ginty, Chief of Staff and General Counsel testified before the Illinois House Mass Transit Committee in support of legislation that would authorize the Office of Executive Inspector General to act as inspector general for the Regional Transit Authority and its related Service Boards:

- Metra;
- PACE; and
- the Chicago Transit Authority.

If passed, the bill would expand the jurisdiction of the OEIG to include an additional 15,000 individuals, including the appointed members of the RTA Service Boards.

Executive Inspector General Ricardo Meza, who testified in favor of SB 3965 on November 17, 2010, will appear before the House Mass Transit Committee on January 3, 2011 as the House continues its deliberations on the bill.

SB 3965 is sponsored in the Senate by Senator Susan Garrett and Senator Martin A. Sandoval and in the House of Representatives by Representative Jack D. Franks.

Bresha Brewer
Legislative Liaison

Calendar of Events: January 3, 2011, Executive Inspector General Ricardo Meza will testify before the House Mass Transportation Committee regarding SB 3965.