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Recent News

The OEIG is very pleased to announce the appointment of Cole S. Kain as Chief of Staff and General Counsel. Mr. Kain previously served as OEIG's First Deputy Inspector General. In addition, the OEIG is pleased to announce the appointment of the following new staff:

- Jacquenette Burns, Administrative Assistant, Chicago Office
- Kasey Slack and Bradley Emmett, Investigators, Springfield Office
- Lisa Weitekamp, Paralegal, Springfield Office

Recently Released EEC Disciplinary Decision Resulting from an OEIG Investigation and Release of Three OEIG Reports



In our January 2011 newsletter, we explained the circumstances in which OEIG investigative reports may be publically released by the Executive Ethics Commission (EEC). In FY 2011,

the EEC has, thus far, published **11** disciplinary decisions resulting from OEIG investigations, and **18** OEIG investigative reports.

The publication of OEIG reports and disciplinary decisions are an integral part of providing State employees and Illinois citizens with information regarding the activities of the OEIG. In addition, there is little doubt that publication of OEIG reports and decisions serve as a deterrent to improper activity and ultimately help promote the State's ethical climate. The EEC recently released a disciplinary decision resulting from an OEIG investigation and three redacted final reports of OEIG investigations.

Below is a summary of the recent releases.

- [In *Meza v. Shaun Stoutamyer*](#), the EEC determined an IDNR employee violated the Ethics Act when, during State-compensated time, she took a photograph of her husband in IDNR offices that was later used in campaign literature. The EEC fined her \$500.
- [In re: James Graham](#), involved an IDOC employee who misused State resources, and used State property for prohibited political activity in violation of the Ethics Act. Mr. Graham was terminated.
- [In re: James McDaniel](#), involved a former IDOT employee who abused State time, consumed alcohol and cocaine on State time, and misused a State computer. Mr. McDaniel left State employment.
- [In re: Terence Mitchell](#), involved an employee of both DHS and the University of Illinois who falsified timesheets. Mr. Mitchell left State employment.

We encourage individuals to visit the OEIG website to read the full decision and complete reports.

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OEIG Budget Reduced Nearly 18%

“Despite the fact that the OEIG will assume additional responsibility as inspector general for the RTA, Metra, Pace, and the CTA on July 1, 2011, the Illinois General Assembly reduced the OEIG's budget by nearly 18%,” stated Ricardo Meza, Executive Inspector General.

Unfortunately, if the OEIG budget reductions remain intact, our agency will be prevented from hiring additional investigative staff in order to perform its new statutory duties and responsibilities.

The OEIG is hopeful that our budget funds will be restored, but “in any event,” continued EIG Meza, “the OEIG staff is fully committed to serving Illinois Citizens.”

Calendar of Events: June 15—17, 2011: OEIG staff to attend Reid (investigative interviewing) training, Downers Grove, IL.