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Recent News

On May 24, 2012, the Executive Ethics Commission publicly released two redacted OEIG final reports and a decision regarding an appeal of an OEIG revolving door determination:

- **In re: Dorian Jones**, 11-00855, involved violations of department policies by a Department of Public Health employee. Mr. Jones received a 10-day suspension.
- **In re: Lawrence Stone**, 10-00228, involved the State Employees Retirement System's Chief Internal Auditor's violation of agency policies. Mr. Stone received a 20-day suspension.
- **In re: Marcia D. Johnson**, 12-EEC-012, the Commission agreed with the Attorney General's appeal, vacated the OEIG's revolving door determination, and concluded that Ms. Johnson was prohibited from accepting an employment offer.

The OEIG is pleased to announce the appointment of a new employee:

- **Jeffrey Leh** will serve as Supervising Investigator in Chicago. Mr. Leh is the retired Deputy Chief of a suburban police department and has an MPA from NIU and a BA from WIU.

OEIG Updates Website & Launches New:

Regional Transit Board Investigative Division Tab



To promote public awareness of the OEIG's jurisdiction for investigations of misconduct involving the four Regional Transit Boards (RTA, Metra, CTA, and Pace), we recently added a new section to the OEIG's website. We encourage you to visit the Regional Transit Board (RTB) webpage to obtain current information

specific to the RTB Division, including:

- frequently asked questions and answers;
- publicly released investigative reports; and
- information concerning RTB Division staff.

The webpage also provides links to:

- the OEIG's secure, encrypted online complaint form;
- the OEIG's online information request form; and
- the websites of the four Regional Transit Boards.

In addition, OEIG staff member Fallon Opperman was recently promoted to Deputy Chief and Assistant Inspector General for the RTB Division. Ms. Opperman has served as an attorney with the OEIG since 2008 and has led numerous investigations. She is a graduate of North Central College and DePaul University Law School. Ms. Opperman joins existing RTB staff members that include AIG Tess Kleinhaus and Investigators Eddie Escamilla, Carl Weaver, Julie Africk, and Kevin Wujciga.

James J. Bonk
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Legislative Update

During the Spring 2012 legislative session, the OEIG actively supported bills sponsored by State Rep. Fred Crespo (44th District) intended to increase transparency and strengthen State employee ethics training compliance:

- House Amendment #1 to House Bill 4191 would require the public release of founded OEIG investigative reports concerning a loss of public funds of \$5,000 or more; and
- House Bill 4065 would set a minimum \$250 fine for failure to complete mandatory ethics training on a timely basis.

Although both bills made it through the earliest stages of the legislative process, they eventually stalled. The OEIG wishes to thank Rep. Crespo and all Legislative Bill sponsors for supporting our continued effort to promote increased ethics and transparency in State government.

Jessica Reese
Legislative AIG

Calendar of Events: **June 14-15, 2012:** AA Denise Vieaux will attend *Essentials of HR* training; **June 19 & 21, 2012:** Chief of Staff & General Counsel Cole Kain and Deputy Inspectors General Erin Bonales and Neil Olson will address State general counsel regarding the Ethics Act and revolving door determinations; **June 20, 2012:** OEIG will host the Association of Inspectors General, Illinois Chapter board meeting; **June 21, 2012:** DIG Olson will address the Illinois Government Bar Association; and **June 21-22, 2012:** Investigators Tammy Clark and Elizabeth Whelan will attend *Contract and Procurement Fraud* training.