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## Recent News

Three OEIG final reports were released on Nov. 16, 2012 (the third is mentioned below):

- **In re: Veronica Brown et al.**, 11-00323 & 11-01146, involved three employees of the Governor's Office of Citizen Action.
- **In re: Andrew Killian**, 12-00199, involved a Department of Children and Family Services employee who engaged in prohibited political activity.

The EEC issued a revolving door determination decision on November 19, 2012:

- **In re: Shaun Saville**, 13-EEC-009, the EEC affirmed the OEIG's determination that Ms. Saville's proposed employment **would not** violate the Ethics Act.

The OEIG is pleased to announce the appointment of six new employees:

- **Kara Dunn** will serve as assistant inspector general and **Daniel Bohaczyk** will serve as investigator in the Regional Transit Board Investigative Division; **James Kosik**, **Joseph O'Sullivan**, and **Luis Salinas** will serve as investigators in the Chicago Division; and **George Panagopoulos** will serve as administrative assistant for Complaints and Compliance.

## OEIG's Hiring Monitoring Program



In 1990, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision in *Rutan v. Republican Party of Illinois*. The court held that public officials may not use political affiliation as a basis for personnel decisions involving non-policy making positions. "*Rutan* policies" adopted by the State of Illinois are intended to ensure that such decisions are made on the basis of merit. Since 2009, the OEIG's Hiring Monitoring Program has investigated allegations involving state hiring and so-called *Rutan* violations.

On November 16, 2012 an OEIG investigative report in the matter of **In re: Bridget Devlin et al.**, 10-00790, was publicly released. The investigation concerned hiring improprieties in which misconduct was found at the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity involving multiple employees.

Among the violations uncovered were:

- multiple failures to follow *Rutan* employment policies;
- multiple improper renewals of emergency (short-term) appointments;
- violations of Pay Plan policies; and
- failures to ensure that appointees meet minimum qualifications of their positions.

The OEIG's Hiring Monitoring Program will continue to investigate allegations of misconduct involving state hiring.

**Ricardo Meza**  
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## Revolving Door Forms

The OEIG is updating its revolving door forms. The new forms will incorporate recently amended rules set out in the Illinois Administrative Code, in particular:

- new notification requirements that apply to individuals who become self-employed upon leaving state employment; and
- new deadlines for ethics officers to submit information to the OEIG.

Prior to implementation, the OEIG will seek comment from ethics officers, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Executive Ethics Commission after which they will be notified and the updated forms will be posted to our website.

**Kristy Shores**  
Deputy Inspector General  
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**Calendar of Events:** November 26-28, 2012: 7 OEIG staff will attend interview and interrogation training in Oakbrook, IL; November 27, 2012: EIG Meza will speak at The John Marshall Law School; November 29, 2012: 8 OEIG staff will attend advanced interview and interrogation training in Oakbrook, IL; and December 11-14, 2012: Investigator Chan will attend forensic examination training in Rosemont, IL.