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Recent News

- The OEIG is pleased to announce the hiring of **Ogo Akpan** as Chief Fiscal Officer and Chicago Operations Manager.

Annual Report for FY2021

The OEIG recently released its annual report for Fiscal Year 2021. The report highlights the activities of the OEIG and its integrated approach to improving Illinois State government.

In FY2021, the OEIG received 2,360 complaints, opened 63 investigations, and completed 57 investigations, including 16 with findings of misconduct. Thirteen founded reports were made public. The OEIG also processed 187 revolving door determinations.

As illustrated in the annual report, the OEIG's compliance and investigative divisions refer matters to one another to ensure the best outcome for the State. Two examples of this collaboration are the Hiring & Employment Monitoring Division (HEM) and the Revolving Door Unit.

During FY2021, the OEIG referred 19 hiring-related complaints to HEM where there was an allegation related to hiring. In such cases, HEM can potentially intervene before, during, or immediately after a hiring violation has occurred. If HEM's review reveals that more investigation needs to be conducted, it may transfer matters to the Investigations Division. During FY2021, five matters were transferred from HEM to investigations.

Similarly, OEIG investigations often have broader recommendations for improvements across agencies. Such was the case for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), which is the agency with the most revolving door determinations (42% in FY2021). Recent investigations led the OEIG to make recommendations to IDOT regarding its revolving door policies and to the Governor's office to ensure compliance with the Ethics Act's revolving door provisions. Further, the Governor's Office and the OEIG collaborated in administering revolving door training to all agency general counsels and ethics offices in 2020.

The annual report is available on the OEIG website [here](#).

Mismanagement of Inmate Earned Credit Program

An OEIG investigation revealed mismanagement of the approval of Earned Program Sentence Credit (Earned Time) at the Danville Correctional Center.

As described in the report, offenders may earn sentence credit for engaging in academic programs. The educational goals for offenders are documented in a document called a Goal Statement.

The OEIG found that two Illinois Department of Corrections employees improperly approved Goal Statements for offenders who were not full-time college students as required by the Earned Time rules. The mismanagement resulted in more than 100 offenders receiving substantial amounts of Earned Time for which they were not eligible. Both employees were counseled as a result of the investigation.

A copy of the report, *In re: Randall Musser and Richard Stempinski (OEIG Case #20-00033)*, is available on the OEIG website.