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Recent News

The OEIG recently announced changes to its operations including:

- **Cole Kain**, chief of staff and general counsel is designated as FOIA officer,
- **Kristy Shores** is appointed deputy inspector general within the Chicago investigations division, effective February 1, 2013, and
- **Diana Villamil Zuver** is promoted (*See Related article below*).

In other news, all OEIG investigative staff met on January 10-11, 2013 as part of the office's continuing education initiative.

The OEIG is seeking to fill the following open positions: two investigator positions, two assistant inspector general positions, as well as an auditor position in the Regional Transit Board Division. Please visit the OEIG website for complete application information.

OEIG Revolving Door Determination Affirmed



On December 21, 2012, the OEIG determined that Illinois Department of Natural Resources Inspector at-Large **Donald McBride** was restricted from accepting a non-state employment offer under the revolving door provision of the Ethics Act. Mr. McBride worked in DNR's Office of Mines and Minerals. He anticipated terminating his state employment in order to accept a job offer from a mining company subject to DNR licensing and regulation, and sought a determination as to whether he could lawfully accept the non-state employment.

The OEIG determined that Mr. McBride had participated personally and substantially in making a licensing decision that directly applied to his prospective employer. Mr. McBride appealed the OEIG's determination.

On December 28, 2012, the Attorney General's Office submitted a response supporting the OEIG's determination. On January 3, 2013, the EEC issued its ruling and found that, during the past year Mr. McBride had, among other things:

- participated in the certification of several crane/hoist operators that worked on a mine site of his potential employer;
- supervised inspectors "that regularly visit" the potential employer's mine site; and
- "worked with" his potential employer's people while they were developing their mining plan proposal.

In its ruling, the EEC affirmed the OEIG's determination and found that Mr. McBride's proposed employment would violate the Ethics Act. A copy of the McBride decision (13-EEC-012) can be found on our website.

Daniel Hurtado
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OEIG Appoints New Deputy Inspector General

The OEIG is happy to announce that effective February 1, 2013, **Diana Villamil Zuver** will serve as new deputy inspector general (DIG) for complaints and compliance.

Ms. Zuver's promotion comes six months after joining the OEIG as an assistant inspector general in Chicago.

In her new role, Ms. Zuver will supervise a staff of eight and will assume the duties presently held by DIG Kristy Shores.

The Complaints and Compliance Division is responsible for oversight of the office's initial intake and assessment of complaints. In addition, the division also manages the OEIG's revolving door determination process.

Cole S. Kain
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Calendar of Events: February 25 - March 1, 2013: eight OEIG investigators will attend Association of Inspectors General Certified Inspector General Investigator training in Austin, TX.