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Recent News

- The OEIG is pleased to announce that **Kiana Arakawa** and **John C. Legan** began as Investigators in the Chicago office.
- In addition to matters discussed below, the OEIG investigation *In re: Harper & Hudson (Case #15-02184)* became public and is available on the OEIG website.

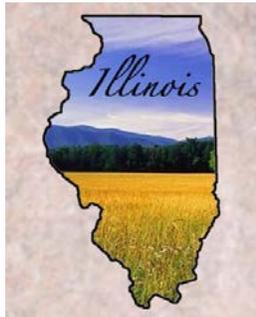
State Employee Pleads Guilty Following OEIG Investigation

In late 2014, a complainant reported that Gregory Bradshaw, once appointed Chief Factory Inspector with the Department of Labor (DoL), continued to draw his DoL salary for months after he resigned from DoL and had taken a role with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

Based on its investigation, the OEIG concluded that Mr. Bradshaw violated DCFS policy when he failed to report that he was still receiving monthly pay for a position he no longer held and when he failed to return the funds even after he was made aware of the error.

The OEIG also determined that Mr. Bradshaw knowingly drove DoL and DCFS vehicles during the time his license was suspended and submitted a false DCFS driver's license certification.

The OEIG recommended that Mr. Bradshaw repay \$25,645 in unearned compensation, and that DCFS place a copy of the report in his file. The OEIG also referred the matter to the Attorney General, who secured a guilty plea in Circuit Court. The judge ordered Mr. Bradshaw to pay restitution. DCFS placed the report in his file. A copy of the report, *In re: Bradshaw, (Case #14-02423)* is available on the OEIG website.



EPA Employee Retires After OEIG Questions Attendance

The OEIG investigated allegations against then-Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) employee Loretta Kidd, including that she “rarely shows up to work.”

The OEIG conducted surveillance on Ms. Kidd, which revealed, among other things, that she arrived more than three hours late one day, and on another day worked for only about half of her scheduled hours.

The OEIG investigation determined, among other things, that Ms. Kidd violated IEPA policies by arriving to work late and leaving early on multiple occasions, and by abusing sick leave. The OEIG also determined that IEPA failed to conduct annual employee evaluations of some of its employees, in violation of the Illinois Administrative Code. The OEIG recommended that Ms. Kidd be terminated and that IEPA conduct annual evaluations of all employees.

Ms. Kidd retired from state service before IEPA took disciplinary action. IEPA agreed to place the OEIG report in her file and to emphasize diligent compliance with the evaluation requirement. A copy of the report, *In re: Kidd and IEPA, (Case #16-00092)*, is available on the OEIG website.