

Investigative Summary: Findings of Mishandling of Sensitive Information, Misusing Government Resources and Position, and Engaging in Unauthorized Pro Bono Legal Work by an AUSA

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation of a current Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) based on information that the AUSA mishandled sensitive but unclassified (SBU) information obtained through the AUSA's official position.

The OIG concluded that the AUSA mishandled SBU information by transmitting it to a personal email account. The OIG also found that the AUSA had engaged in additional misconduct, including: misusing government time, resources, equipment, and databases to conduct personal business; misusing the AUSA's position, title, and letterhead to provide a letter of recommendation for a relative; and engaging in pro bono legal work without the requisite authorization.

The OIG has completed its investigation and has provided a report to the Executive Office for United States Attorneys and to the Department of Justice Office of Professional Responsibility for review and appropriate action.

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