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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Findings of Misconduct by a DOJ Trial Attorney for Misuse of DOJ Issued Computer and Cellular Telephone

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation upon receipt of information from the employing DOJ division alleging that a trial attorney had sexually explicit images on the trial attorney's DOJ issued cellular telephone.

An OIG forensic review of all DOJ electronic devices issued to the attorney determined that the attorney had sexually explicit images on the attorney's DOJ issued laptop computer and DOJ issued cellular telephone that were not associated with any official DOJ investigation or court proceeding. The OIG forensic review further determined that the images were adult in nature. During an OIG interview under oath, the attorney admitted to storing the images on the attorney's DOJ issued devices, and to receiving them from and transmitting them to adults the attorney knew, using the DOJ issued devices. The attorney also acknowledged that the attorney's actions violated DOJ information technology rules of behavior, which expressly prohibit transmitting, receiving, storing or viewing sexually explicit material.

The OIG substantiated the allegation. The attorney's actions violated DOJ policy regarding misuse of information technology systems.

The OIG has completed its investigation and provided a report to the DOJ employing division and to the DOJ Office of Professional Responsibility for appropriate action.

Unless otherwise noted, the OIG applies the preponderance of the evidence standard in determining whether Department of Justice (DOJ) personnel have committed misconduct.

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