

Transcript: “Our Mission” June 2017

To detect and deter waste, fraud, abuse, and misconduct in DOJ programs and personnel and to promote economy and efficiency in those programs.

I work at the OIG because what we do is important. It’s just so interesting. We do very, very high profile investigations and reviews of Department activities. We reviewed ATF’s operation fast and furious; BOP’s monitoring of contract prisons; the Justice Department’s handling of known or suspected terrorists in the Witness Security Protection Program; BOP’s untimely release of inmates; the Department’s use and support of surveillance drones; the work we did helped restore justice to wrongfully convicted defendants; theft of heroin and obstruction of justice that was perpetrated by an FBI agent; aging inmates in the Federal Bureau of Prisons; the impact of restrictive housing on inmates with mental illness; I worked on an investigation of a former FBI supervisor who ultimately was indicted and plead guilty to 12 counts of perjury and obstruction of justice; terrorism, civil rights, cybercrime; FBI involvement in detainee interrogations at Guantanamo, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

We, at the end of our review, have the opportunity to make meaningful and actionable recommendations. Through fair, impartial, fact-finding. Our mission is to make sure the Department of Justice lives up to its name. The work that we did helped to improve national security. Because it helps to preserve and enhance the public’s trust in the Department of Justice, and the federal government. We are responsible for safeguarding the integrity and the public trust of the Department of Justice. I feel like I’m working for justice, both for the Department, and also as an ideal. I really believe in the Mission of the OIG. It has a sense of importance. It’s a search for the truth. For an attorney, it’s really the highest honor. I’m very fortunate and very lucky. I’m very proud of the mission of the OIG and of the Department of Justice.