

Investigative Summary:

Findings Concerning the Absence from Work Without Approved Leave of a DOJ Attorney

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation based on a referral from the employing division of a Department of Justice (Department) attorney. According to the division, the attorney's time and attendance at work for approximately five months were unaccounted for, both by the attorney's assigned division and by another Department component to which the attorney had been temporarily assigned. The OIG determined that for a period of months during which the attorney was receiving full salary and benefits, the attorney was not present at work, did not complete any work-related functions, and was not on approved leave. Prosecution was declined. The Department and the attorney reached a settlement. Although the attorney did not admit liability, the attorney agreed to resign Department employment, forfeit the annual leave that had accrued during the period for which time and attendance was unaccounted, and repay a sum of money to the Department. The OIG provided its report to the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility.

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