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### **INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Findings Concerning Misconduct by a U.S. Attorney for Having an Inappropriate Relationship with a Subordinate, Attempting to Influence or Impede an OIG Investigation, and Other Misconduct**

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation based on information it received from the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys (EOUSA) alleging that a U.S. Attorney had an inappropriate relationship with a subordinate Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA).

The OIG investigation found that the U.S. Attorney had been engaged in an intimate personal relationship with the AUSA for more than one year. The OIG further found that because the relationship was not acknowledged, the U.S. Attorney did not decline to participate in matters involving the AUSA. The relationship, and the multiple harassing communications the U.S. Attorney sent to the AUSA after their intimate relationship ended, violated laws and regulations against sexual harassment. In addition, the OIG concluded that the U.S. Attorney: lied to Department officials about the nature of the relationship when first confronted about it; violated instructions from the Associate Deputy Attorney General not to have any contact with the AUSA; and attempted to influence or impede the OIG investigation by communicating to the AUSA that the AUSA was the subject of the OIG's investigation and that the AUSA should get an attorney and not speak with the OIG. Prosecution was declined.

The U.S. Attorney resigned during the OIG's investigation. The OIG has provided its report to the Office of the Deputy Attorney General and EOUSA for their information, and to the Department of Justice Office of Professional Responsibility for determination of whether the U.S. Attorney's conduct warrants referral to appropriate bar authorities.

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