Finding of Misconduct by a Then Assistant United States Attorney for Unauthorized Transport and Use of a Department-Issued Smart Phone While on Personal Travel in a High Risk Country

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation upon the receipt of information from the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) alleging that a then Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) had transported and used a DOJ issued smart phone while on personal travel in a high risk country without proper authorization.

The OIG investigation found that the then AUSA had transported and used a DOJ issued smart phone while on personal travel in a high risk country without proper authorization, in violation of DOJ and EOUSA cybersecurity and mobile device policies. The AUSA resigned before the investigation concluded.

The OIG has completed its investigation and provided its report to the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility for appropriate action and to EOUSA for its information.

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