



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

## INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 23-099

### **Finding of Misconduct by a then Criminal Division Attorney for Working on a Matter Involving a Former Client, and for Making False Statements and Lacking Candor During an OIG Interview**

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation upon the receipt of information from the Criminal Division alleging that a then Criminal Division attorney violated government ethics regulations when the attorney worked on a matter involving a client the attorney had previously represented while in private practice. During the course of the investigation, the OIG found indications that the attorney may have made false statements under oath to the OIG.

The OIG investigation found that the attorney violated the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Executive Branch Employees by working on a matter involving a client the attorney had previously represented while in private practice, intentionally providing false information to a DOJ ethics official regarding whether the matter the attorney was working on involved a former client, and failing to follow the guidance provided by the ethics official. The OIG also concluded that the attorney made false statements to the OIG and lacked candor under oath regarding whether the attorney was aware that a former client was involved in the matter the attorney was working on for the Criminal Division.

The attorney resigned from the Department while the OIG's investigation was ongoing. The OIG has completed its investigation and provided its report to the Criminal Division for its information and the Department's Professional Misconduct Review Unit for appropriate action. Criminal prosecution of the attorney was declined.



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