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My name is Karen Rich. I am an Investigative Counsel at the Office of the Inspector General. I am an attorney, and I investigate cases where there are allegations of fraud, misconduct and abuse within the Department of Justice. So I've been here about a year and a half. Before I came to the OIG, I was a prosecutor with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. I left that job when I had children and I took off for about four and a half years. And I was definitely nervous that I would not be accepted back into the workforce, especially as an attorney, having been out of the workforce for so long. But when I came I immediately felt, even during the interview process, that people were very understanding and accepting of my situation. I was looking for a job that had the same level of fulfillment as my job as a prosecutor and so I did want something that mattered, that was for the public good. So I feel that working for the IG, I have that. There are a lot of flexibilities that I take advantage of; it's really valuable to my family and to me. So it's really been wonderful.

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