



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

✓ TO: Counsel to the Inspector General
Assistant Counsels to the Inspector General

FROM: Sandra Bruce
Inspector General (Acting)

SUBJECT: Redlegation of Authority to Conduct and Coordinate Litigation involving Office of Inspector General (OIG) employees or applicants before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) and in Federal courts.

I. DELEGATION

Under the authority vested in me by delegation EA/EF/195 from the Secretary dated September 14, 2011, I hereby delegate to you, or to anyone serving for you in an acting capacity, the authority to conduct and coordinate litigation activities on personnel and equal employment opportunity matters which exclusively involve OIG employees or applicants to the OIG, that do not affect any cross-cutting or important Departmental interests as determined by you and the General Counsel or anyone serving in an acting capacity (consistent with the Federal Vacancies Reform Act) for the General Counsel or for you. This authority includes the authority to represent the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education (ED) and ED before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB), and in Federal courts in complaints and/or appeals filed against ED by employees of, or applicants for employment within, ED's Office of Inspector General (OIG) and settlement authority with respect to those cases.

Unless otherwise noted in future delegations of authority, amendments to the existing authorities delegated herein are included within the scope of this delegation.

II. RESERVATIONS

Unless otherwise noted in existing or future delegations of authority, the following is not delegated: Authority to provide legal advice to the Secretary on matters covered by this delegation of authority.

The Counsel to the Inspector General must exercise the settlement authority with respect to the matters described above.

The Counsel to the Inspector General must make the determination for the OIG whether the litigation affects any cross-cutting or important Departmental interests.

III. REDELEGATION

No further redelegation is authorized.

IV. CERTIFICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This delegation is effective upon certification by the Department's Principal Delegations Control Officer. I hereby ratify actions within the scope of this delegation taken by the addressee prior to the date of certification.

_____/s
Sandra Bruce

Date Certified: 6/3/2019

Departmental Delegations Control Officer: Jim Clemmens

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