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GOVERNOR PATRICK, ATTORNEY GENERAL COAKLEY AND AUDITOR BUMP NAME NEW INSPECTOR GENERAL

Assistant Attorney General brings decades of investigatory, legal, business & management experience to position



Governor Patrick swears-in Glenn Cunha as Inspector General in the Governor's Council Chambers in the State House. (Photo Credit: Eric Haynes / Governor's Office) View additional photos.

BOSTON – Thursday, July 26, 2012 – Governor Deval Patrick, Attorney General Martha Coakley and Auditor Suzanne Bump today selected Assistant Attorney General Glenn A. Cunha to serve as Inspector General. A lawyer with a master's degree in business administration, Cunha has worked in the public and private sectors for 30 years, building complex investigations, prosecuting cases in court and preventing and detecting fraud in many areas, including insurance, public benefits, charities and fraud by public officials. Cunha replaces outgoing Inspector General Gregory Sullivan, who will complete his second five year term, the maximum allowed by statute, on August 2, 2012.

"Glenn brings a valuable mix of legal, investigatory, business and management experience to the table," said Governor Patrick. "His record of professional accomplishment coupled with his commitment to public service makes him the right person to promote and uphold a standard of integrity for the Commonwealth, which is the central mission of the Inspector General's Office."

"Glenn is a skilled investigator, prosecutor, and manager who has handled some of our office's most challenging cases," said Attorney General Coakley. "His integrity, public and private sector background, and extensive experience investigating and prosecuting fraud in government make him an outstanding choice as our next Inspector General."

"Glenn's commitment to public service over the course of his 30-year career is truly exemplary," said State Auditor Suzanne Bump. "His work in prosecution and in combating fraud has made a real difference to the lives of citizens of our Commonwealth. This background, coupled with his leadership skills, makes him the perfect choice to be Massachusetts' next Inspector General."

"The Inspector General's Office serves a critical role in protecting taxpayer funds and ensuring the integrity of government," said incoming Inspector General Glenn Cunha. "I look forward to bringing my experience as a prosecutor and manager to this important position and hitting the ground running with our team of skilled investigators. I would like to thank the Governor, Attorney General and Auditor for this incredible opportunity to serve the public."

Over the past eight years in the Attorney General's Office, Cunha has served as Chief of the Insurance & Unemployment Fraud Division and Managing Attorney of the Criminal Bureau. In the latter role, he oversees the management of eight divisions, supervises division chiefs and works closely with the State Police Detectives Unit assigned to the Attorney

General's Office. He supervised investigations and prosecutions relative to financial fraud, probation, lottery, fraudulently produced MBTA passes, human trafficking, child pornography and a case of complex fraud by a charity organization. At the same time, Cunha also managed a caseload of public corruption matters, including the Middlesex Sheriff's Department, Medford Housing Authority and Chelsea Housing Authority.

Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office in 2004, Cunha worked in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. As an Assistant District Attorney, he prosecuted serious cases from violent assaults involving children to firearm possession and drug distribution. He prosecuted child physical and sexual abuse cases, trying numerous Superior Court jury trials. From 2003-2004, Cunha served as the Deputy Chief of the Child Abuse Unit where he was responsible for supervising a team of six prosecutors and two investigators, training new attorneys and developing programs on building cases for prosecution.

Cunha also served as an Assistant District Attorney in Norfolk County. Prior to becoming a lawyer, he oversaw sales and marketing for PrimaCare Health Resources and worked in sales at Baxter International, a multinational corporation. He holds a BA in Economics from Boston College, an MBA from Bentley University Graduate School of Management and a JD from Suffolk University Law School. Cunha is an avid triathlete and former member of the Brookline School Committee. He resides in Brookline with his spouse and two children.

The Governor, Attorney General and State Auditor are statutorily charged with selecting, by majority vote, an Inspector General for a term of five years. The Office of the Inspector General was established in 1980 to prevent and detect fraud, waste and abuse in the expenditure of public funds. The Office conducts investigations and management reviews, analyzes legislation and regulations and provides technical assistance to governmental entities. The Office has a Fiscal Year 2013 spending level of \$2.86 million and approximately 40 employees.

ADDITIONAL QUOTES IN SUPPORT OF GLENN CUNHA:

"Glenn has been a tremendous help in stopping the plague of insurance fraud in the Commonwealth," said Daniel Johnston, Executive Director of the Insurance Fraud Bureau of Massachusetts. "He has been a valuable partner and we are thrilled that an individual with his experience and integrity and has been appointed to this important position."

"As a Suffolk prosecutor, Glenn Cunha worked tirelessly on behalf of abused and neglected children in some of the most challenging cases to come before the court," said Dan Conley, Suffolk County District Attorney. "He brought a depth of skill, a wealth of talent, and a level of commitment that impressed everyone who worked with him. As the Attorney General's representative on the Witness Protection Board, his diligence and professionalism in multiagency partnerships have allowed us to protect victims and witnesses in countless violent crimes and hold the most dangerous offenders accountable. Glenn Cunha's experience in every aspect of law enforcement, from investigation to prosecution and beyond, makes him an outstanding selection for the post of Inspector General."

"Glenn Cunha is a career prosecutor who has distinguished himself in each of the offices in which he has served," said David Deakin, Chief of the Family Protection & Sexual Assault Unit at Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. "Glenn is known as an intelligent and tenacious investigator who works tirelessly to build cases that withstand the toughest courtroom scrutiny. He is a tremendously skilled trial prosecutor with a reputation for the highest ethical and professional standards."

"Glenn Cunha embodies leadership. During investigations, everyone on the team would rally behind Glenn, and his legal guidance proved invaluable," said MSP Lieutenant Colonel Francis Matthews. "His dedication to public service is unparalleled, and he will make a great Inspector General."

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