



Office of the Inspector General Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Inspector General Cunha Selects Leadership Team to Aide in Transition, November 2012

On August 6, 2012, Governor Deval Patrick, Attorney General Martha Coakley and Auditor Suzanne Bump unanimously appointed Assistant Attorney General Glenn A. Cunha to serve as Inspector General. A lawyer with a master's degree in business administration, Inspector General 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.

Prior to his appointment, Inspector General Cunha served as an Assistant Attorney General as Chief of the Insurance & Unemployment Fraud Division and Managing Attorney of the Criminal Bureau. In the latter role, he oversaw the management of eight divisions, supervised division chiefs and worked 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, he also managed a caseload of public corruption matters, including the Middlesex Sheriff's Department, Medford Housing Authority and Chelsea Housing Authority.

Inspector General Cunha has announced the selection of a transition leadership team to assist him in assessing the overall operations of the office and to develop a working plan to move the organization forward. Inspector General Cunha has assigned Natalie Monroe, who he recently appointed as First Assistant Inspector General on September 4, 2012, to work with members of a transition team, which includes two professionals from the Boston law office of Eckert Seamans and Christopher Walsh from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. The team includes:

- **Natalie Monroe:** Ms. Monroe is the First Assistant Inspector General. Before Mr. Cunha appointed Ms. Monroe to that position in September, she served as the Chief of the Appeals Division at the Attorney General's Office, where she worked on numerous criminal prosecutions and investigations involving government theft, fraud and abuse. Prior to entering public service, Ms. Monroe was a partner at Sullivan & Worcester LLP in Boston, where she handled complex civil litigation and white-collar criminal investigations, including cases involving fraud, theft and embezzlement. Ms. Monroe also served as an Administrative Magistrate for the Commonwealth's Division of Administrative Law Appeals.
- **Peter Carr:** Mr. Carr is Chairman of Transition Team and Member-In-Charge of the Eckert Seamans Boston Office. Mr. Carr's primary areas of practice include civil business litigation, construction litigation, employment law, and education law. Mr. Carr appears regularly before state and federal courts, administrative agencies, and arbitrators. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Carr served as law clerk to former Chief Justice Joseph P. Warner of the Massachusetts Appeals Court.

- Christopher Walsh: Mr. Walsh is the Director of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. The SIU is responsible for detecting and investigating allegations of fraud, waste and abuse by providers and members against Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. Prior to becoming the Director of the SIU in May of 2012, Mr. Walsh had been a prosecutor for over seventeen years in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In January of 2011, Attorney General Martha Coakley appointed Mr. Walsh to the position of Chief of the Criminal Bureau in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. In that position he oversaw a Bureau made up of eight separate Divisions, as well as a Massachusetts State Police Unit, tasked with prosecuting major white collar felonies, enterprise and organized crimes, cyber crimes, insurance and unemployment fraud, and environmental crimes.
- Grace Lee: Ms. Lee is Special Counsel at Eckert Seamans Boston office and concentrates her practice in the areas of public finance, and labor and employment. Ms. Lee has a diverse background, with a combined 15 years of experience in private practice and public service. Prior to joining Eckert Seamans, Ms. Lee served as First Deputy Treasurer and General Counsel for Massachusetts State Treasury. As First Deputy Treasurer, Ms. Lee was responsible for the management and oversight of the Massachusetts State Treasury. Ms. Lee has also served as a Staff Attorney under the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, and as an Assistant District Attorney, Chief of the Hate Crimes Division, for the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office.

"On behalf of the entire Transition Team, we were pleased and honored to provide guidance and assistance to General Cunha and the Office," Carr stated. "We hope that our input, insights and recommendations will provide Inspector General Cunha with a framework for moving forward and will allow him to incorporate his personal vision and energy in carrying out the statutory mandates imposed upon this key Office for the benefit of the citizens of Massachusetts."

"I am grateful to the members of the transition team for their work on the behalf of the Office. Their recommendations will assist me as I move the office forward and build on the foundation that Inspector General Greg Sullivan provided," said Inspector General Cunha. "During the past three months, I have started to build a team that shares my vision of the Office and will work closely with me to fulfill our statutory mission."

In moving the Office forward, Inspector General Cunha recently added two senior staff to his team: Audrey Mark and Brian O'Donnell. Ms. Mark, who joins the Office as Senior Counsel, has a wide range of criminal defense and prosecutorial experience. Prior to joining the Office, Ms. Mark had her own law practice where she specialized in criminal defense and civil litigation. Ms. Mark also is a former assistant district attorney with the Suffolk District Attorney's Office. She started her legal career as a law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Joseph Tauro and was an associate at Foley Hoag LLP. Ms. Mark will be the lead attorney on the Hinton State Laboratory investigation.

Brian O'Donnell will serve as the Director of Compliance and Senior Counsel. Among other roles, Mr. O'Donnell will implement the Inspector General's vision for expanding the Office's educational programs, including its Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official program. Before joining Inspector General Cunha's management team, Mr. O'Donnell served for seven years as an Assistant Attorney General in the Bid Unit of the Fair Labor Division at the

Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. Prior to working in the Attorney General's Office he was Of Counsel to the Design and Construction Group at the Boston firm of Gadsby Hannah, LLP.

Mr. Cunha replaces outgoing Inspector General Gregory Sullivan, who completed his second five-year term, the maximum allowed by statute, on August 6, 2012. The Governor, Attorney General and State Auditor unanimously selected Mr. Cunha as Inspector General for a term of five years. The Office of the Inspector General was established in 1981 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.