



Office of the Attorney General
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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Madame Klair 
Attorney General

SUBJECT: Recusals

In my time in the Department of Justice, I've observed many instances of United States Attorneys and Assistant United States Attorneys prosecuting cases in which they have an apparent conflict of interest.

Therefore, effective immediately, all Department of Justice federal prosecutors are to contact the Director of the Executive Office of United States Attorneys (EOUSA) in order to be recused from cases or matters in which a conflict of interest is apparent. The requirement of a recusal arises in which a conflict of interest exists or there is a loss of impartiality. A federal prosecutor who becomes aware of circumstances that might require his or her recusal should promptly notify the Director of the EOUSA to discuss whether or not a recusal is necessary. If a recusal is appropriate, the Director of the EOUSA will coordinate the recusal action and arrange for a transfer of responsibility to another prosecutor.

The release of this memo marks a new chapter in the Department of Justice's commitment to a fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.

Qui Pro Domina Justitia Sequitur