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Top Skills

accountability
Internal Audits
evaluation

Languages

Farsi and Spanish

Parisa Salehi

Inspector General at Export-Import Bank of the United States
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Summary

I lead a talented group of attorneys, auditors, evaluators and criminal investigators to combat waste fraud and abuse.

In prior years, I had worked as an experienced attorney leading compliance, audits and investigations on behalf of the federal government.

Prior to joining the Federal Government I worked in several large DC law firms working with the financial industry on antitrust litigation or investigations, mergers and acquisitions as well as white collar criminal litigation.

Experience

Export-Import Bank of the United States
Inspector General
March 2022 - Present (1 year 8 months)
United States

Presidentially appointed and Senate Confirmed Senior Executive with over 20 years of leadership experience. Track record of delivering results and innovation with over ten different teams.

Leads independent oversight of approximately \$41.3 billion in total exposure and \$5.8 billion in annual authorizations that create American jobs and facilitate the export of U.S. goods and services.

Leads a workforce whose mission is to detect and deter waste fraud and abuse and to promote economy efficiency and effectiveness at the Export Import Bank of the United States' programs

and operations.

Serves as the U.S. Delegate to the International Public Sector Fraud Forum (IPSFF). The IPSFF

focuses on fraud committed against and within the public sector of each member country, as

well as fraud committed against multiple members as part of larger, organized activity.

Within the federal Inspector General community.

Serves as the Chair of the Council of Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE)

Small/Unique Offices of Inspectors General (OIGs) Working Group and the at-large member

of the CIGIE Executive Council.

U.S. Department of State

Chief of Staff - Office of Inspector General

April 2020 - April 2022 (2 years 1 month)

United States

USAID

Acting Assistant Inspector General for Management - Office of Inspector General

July 2019 - April 2020 (10 months)

United States

Export-Import Bank of the United States

4 years 8 months

Acting Inspector General

August 2018 - July 2019 (1 year)

Washington, District Of Columbia

Counsel to the Inspector General

December 2014 - August 2018 (3 years 9 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Areaon

- Ascertained legal compliance with the law for audits and inspections of Ex-Im Bank programs and transactions, to fulfill the statutory duties and responsibilities under the Inspector General Act of 1978.
- For its Investigations, audits, and inspections coordinated with the Department of Justice, other Inspectors General, GAO and other local, state, and federal regulatory and law enforcement agencies.

- Monitored and evaluated the control and management of the risks inherent to compliance issues within the Bank, and the financial industry.
- Lead and provided advice to a team of multidisciplinary professionals and their managers to solve problems and resolve program issues.
- Participated in Congressional Hearings.
- provides advice for the preparation of OIG's management challenges, annual audit plan, and Semi-annual reports to Congress.
- Conducted legal sufficiency review of criminal and civil financial fraud investigations involving the theft, embezzlement, and laundering of funds insured or guaranteed by EXIM.
- Developed a robust suspension and debarment program within OIG.
- Trained the OIG and the Bank Staff regarding ethics and the suspension and debarment program.
- Presented at intergovernmental, ISDC, CIGIE, World Bank and IFC suspension and debarment conferences.
- Lead the collaboration with Office of Government Ethics (OGE) and Office of Special Counsel (OSC) regarding financial conflict of interest and impartiality, whistleblower protection, the Hatch Act.
- Assessed the soundness of policies and procedures and the overall soundness of the Institution.
- Developed policies, procedures, standards and relevant rules to meet the EXIM disclosure requirements regarding Freedom of Information (FOIA, GDPR) Data Privacy, and Open Government Acts (OPA).
- Collaboratively worked with OCIO on breach investigations and developing compliance practices.

USDA

4 years 11 months

Director, Appeals & Litigation - Government Sanctions, Office of Compliance

October 2012 - December 2014 (2 years 3 months)

- Served as the principal interface between OGC, U. S. Attorneys' offices and RMA.
- Managed all activities relating to RMA sanction actions to avoid fraud, including civil penalties, disqualification, suspension and debarment, and contractual suspensions. Work involves reviewing and approving proposed actions; making recommendations for additions or revisions, as necessary; preparing notices; scheduling and administering hearings to ensure due

process; communicating with respondents and their attorneys; interpreting regulation; and preparing final decisions.

- Provided advice and technical assistance to the Administrator and other agency units regarding National Appeals Division (NAD) appeals, cases in litigation, and government imposed sanctions.

- Drafted correspondence to members of Congress or their staffs, attorneys, litigants, insurance companies and their affiliates, the public and others.

Acting Chief, Rulemaking Branch

February 2010 - October 2012 (2 years 9 months)

DC

- Led and managed teams and projects to develop and implement both overall strategy and specific policy responses to individual industry problems through rulemaking.

- Reviewed, analyzed, and summarized reports, policy documents, rules, and U.S. and foreign regulations. Made recommendations on policy actions.

- Collaborated with Congress to revise and terminate industry marketing agreement.

- Developed and evaluated policies or policy responses and regulatory language to address issues related to food safety and quality in the context of the domestic leafy greens industries and their compliance with international food safety standards.

- Collaborated with industry representatives, foreign officials and representatives of other Departments, including experience negotiating issues and resolving problems through rulemaking.

Howard University School of Law

Adjunct Associate Professor of Law

2003 - December 2012 (9 years)

DC

- Taught a comparative study of legal systems around the world. Developed training materials for teaching the course.

- Prepared and delivered lectures.

- Worked with students on a regular basis inside and outside of classroom time to develop informed future leaders.

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Staff Attorney

January 2003 - February 2008 (5 years 2 months)

DC

- Managed the e-discovery phase of large scale litigation cases involving the US government and multinational corporations and financial institutions.
- Independently prepared complex written correspondence or memoranda relating to a variety of technical subjects and cases.
- Developed and proposed strategies dealing with unprecedented or politically sensitive legal issues with far-reaching impact or application.
- Reviewed documents to prepare memoranda of fact and analysis and identify possible legal action, areas of concern and overall strategy.

Education

Howard University School of Law

JD, Law · (1994 - 1997)

University of Oregon

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), International Relations and Affairs · (1990 - 1994)