

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



ATTORNEY GENERAL

Office Order No. 2005-17

SUBJECT: Establishment of the Special Assistant Attorney General Program.

Pursuant to Reorganization Order No. 50, June 26, 1953, as amended, the following is ordered:

I. Establishment and Purpose of Program

The Special Assistant Attorney General Program (“Special AAG Program”) is hereby established and shall be under the direction of and administered by the Deputy Attorney General for Professional Development. The purpose of the Special AAG Program is to build mutually beneficial relationships between the District of Columbia Bar and the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia (“OAG”) by providing opportunities for members of the bar to gain invaluable, practical experience through *pro bono* work at OAG and thus benefiting OAG by supplementing its staff to handle an ever-increasing workload.

II. Eligibility

To be eligible for the Special AAG Program, an attorney must be licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia and a member in good standing with the District of Columbia Bar. Unless they obtain waivers from the Attorney General and all other affected persons, candidates for the Special AAG Program must be free of any conflict of interest with the District of Columbia agency they represent or the District government as a whole, if they represent the District government or if their agency representation has District-wide implications. Should a conflict of interest arise in the course of the attorney’s work for the government, the conflict may be waived by agreement of the Attorney General, depending upon the nature of the potential conflict of interest, if the attorney also obtains a waiver from all other affected persons. Candidates are also subject to a criminal background check. The Deputy Attorney General for Professional Development may prescribe additional criteria for Special AAG Program eligibility.

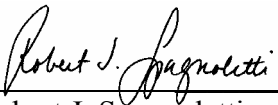
III. Supervision of Special Assistant Attorneys General

In all OAG-related matters, Special AAGs shall act under the direction, supervision, and control of OAG management. Special AAGs will be assigned to a particular Division and/or Section within OAG and to an immediate supervisor within each Division and/or Section. The nature, number, and type of assignments given to Special AAGs shall be at the discretion of the Division and/or Section managers within the broad parameters established by the Deputy Attorney General for Professional Development. It shall be the responsibility of each Special AAG and/or the Special AAG’s employer to determine whether a conflict of interest exists in each matter assigned and to disclose any such conflict to his/her immediate supervisor and the Deputy Attorney General for Professional Development.

IV. Removal

Special AAGs shall serve at the pleasure of the Attorney General.

This Order shall take effect immediately and supersedes all previous orders to the extent of any inconsistency.



Robert J. Spagnoletti
Attorney General

Dated this 22nd day of April 2005.