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White's Appointments Give Inspector General's Office More Resources to Root Out Corruption

CHICAGO — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White today announced the restructuring of his administration to provide the Inspector General's office with additional resources to root out corruption and provide assistance to federal investigators.

The new structure provides a special counsel in charge of the General Counsel's office and a special counsel to the Inspector General.

"I remain 100 percent committed to assisting the federal investigation and rooting out corruption in the Secretary of State's office," said White. "The new Special Counsel to the Inspector General will provide the extra assistance necessary to get that job done."

White appointed Michael Igoe as the new special counsel in charge of overseeing the operations of the General Counsel's office. He will be Secretary White's chief legal counsel in charge of the operations of the administration.

He then named Ms. Irene Lyons as the new Special Counsel to the Inspector General to serve as a liaison with the US Attorney's office. In the newly created position, Ms. Lyons will be working solely on cases surrounding the federal investigation.

"My aim is to create a more efficient General Counsel's office," said White. "Within this new structure I have devoted a full-time attorney to assist in the federal investigation."

In addition to the restructuring of the General Counsel's office, White also announced that Tammy Raynor has taken a position as an investigative analyst with the Inspector General's office. Raynor, who originally helped uncover the scandal, will evaluate all CDL facilities in the state. Ms. Raynor will be able to report any problems directly to the Inspector General and provide Secretary White with recommendations to improve CDL facility operations.

"Ms. Raynor has shown great courage in her efforts to stop corruption," said White. "She has proven to be very knowledgeable about the licensing process for CDL's and we will count on her experience to help us uncover and eliminate employee misconduct and the methods used by unqualified applicants to cheat the system."

White is currently reviewing applicants for the position of Inspector General. Joseph Gabuzzi, deputy to the Inspector General, is serving as the interim Inspector General.