

## **Follow the Disappearing Office of Special Counsel Staff** *Departure Scorecard*

On January 6, 2005, without notice, Bloch involuntarily re-assigned 12 attorneys and investigators:

- **Detroit** – Seven senior members of OSC’s career staff at headquarters were tagged to open a new Detroit office. Five of the seven employees who were reassigned to Detroit refused the assignment immediately and are awaiting termination. The remaining two accepted the forced move to Detroit under protest but both have since lined up other jobs and are leaving OSC.
- **Dallas** – Bloch also reassigned four other members of the career staff to relocate to the Dallas Field Office. Three of the four employees involuntarily reassigned to Dallas refused the reassignment and are also awaiting termination.
- **Oakland** – Bloch assigned one staff member to the existing Oakland Field Office and this person accepted the move.

In addition to the dozen listed above, the remaining career staff members at OSC are actively seeking other employment: two of them gave notice of their resignations last week. This brings the total number of career OSC employees who have resigned or been fired as a result of the “reorganization” to twelve. This recent exodus amounts to more than 20 percent of the total headquarters legal and investigative staff and **nearly 50% of the legal staff who are assigned to investigate retaliation and other prohibited personnel practice cases at headquarters.**

Departures include, among others, the Director of OSC’s Alternative Dispute Resolution program, the Deputy Associate Special Counsel in charge of the agency’s Complaints Examining Unit, a career senior executive with over twenty years of relevant experience in litigating federal sector discrimination and retaliation cases, and several senior attorneys.

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