

February 10, 2025

Jolene Ann Lauria
Designated Agency Ethics Official
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Ms. Lauria:

The purpose of this letter is to describe the steps that I will take to avoid any actual or apparent conflict of interest in the event that I am confirmed for the position of Deputy Attorney General of the Department of Justice. It is my responsibility to understand and comply with commitments outlined in this agreement.

SECTION 1 – GENERAL COMMITMENTS

As required by the criminal conflicts of interest law at 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter in which I know that I have a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, or in which I know that a person whose interests are imputed to me has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the particular matter, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). I understand that the interests of the following persons are imputed to me:

- Any spouse or minor child of mine;
- Any general partner of a partnership in which I am a limited or general partner;
- Any organization in which I serve as an officer, director, trustee, general partner, or employee, even if uncompensated; and
- Any person or organization with which I am negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

In the event that an actual or potential conflict of interest arises during my appointment, I will consult with an agency ethics official and take the measures necessary to resolve the conflict, such as recusal from the particular matter or divestiture of an asset.

If I have a managed account or otherwise use the services of an investment professional during my appointment, I will ensure that the account manager or investment professional obtains my prior approval on a case-by-case basis for the purchase of any assets other than cash, cash equivalents, investment funds that qualify for the regulatory exemption for diversified mutual funds and unit investment trusts at 5 C.F.R. § 2640.201(a), obligations of the United States, or municipal bonds.

I will receive a live ethics briefing from a member of the ethics office after my confirmation but not later than 15 days after my appointment pursuant to the ethics program regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305. Within 90 days of my confirmation, I will submit my

Certification of Ethics Agreement Compliance which documents my compliance with this ethics agreement.

I will not modify this ethics agreement without your approval and the approval of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) pursuant to the ethics agreement requirements contained in the financial disclosure regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2634.803(a)(4).

SECTION 2 – BLANCHE LAW PLLC

I am the sole equity partner and owner of my law firm, which does business as Blanche Law PLLC. Upon confirmation, the law firm will cease engaging in any business, including the representation of clients. During my appointment to the position of Deputy Attorney General, the law firm will remain dormant and will not advertise. I will not perform any services for the firm, except that I will comply with any court orders or subpoenas and any requirements involving legal filings, taxes, and fees that are necessary to maintain the law firm while it is in an inactive status. As Deputy Attorney General, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of Blanche Law PLLC. All amounts owed to me by any of my clients will be fixed before I assume the duties of the position of Deputy Attorney General, and I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the ability or willingness of any of these clients to pay these amounts. In addition, pursuant to the impartiality regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know a former client of mine is a party or represents a party for a period of one year after I last provided service to that client or until the client satisfies any outstanding bill, whichever is later, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

SECTION 3 – FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST

I will retain my position as a trustee of the Family Revocable Trust. I will not receive any fees for the services that I provide as a trustee during my appointment to the position of Deputy Attorney General. I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interest of this trust, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2).

SECTION 4 – DIVESTITURE

As soon as practicable but not later than 90 days after my confirmation, I will divest my interests in the following virtual currency assets (Coinbase account):

- Bitcoin
- Ethereum
- Solana
- Cardano
- Ethereum Classic

- Polygon
- Polkadot
- Basic Attention Token
- Quant
- Decentralized

With regard to this virtual currency, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on my financial interests in the virtual currency until I have divested it, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1). I have verified that I will be able to carry out the divestiture within the timeframe described above.

I will divest my interests in the following entities as soon as practicable but not later than 90 days after my confirmation:

- iShares MSCI Japan ETF
- Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund
- Health Care Select Sector SPDR Fund
- Coinbase Global Inc.
- Delta Air Lines, Inc.
- Peloton Interactive Inc.
- Pfizer Inc.
- Tesla, Inc.

With regard to each of these entities, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of the entity until I have divested it, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). I have verified that I will be able to carry out the divestitures within the timeframe described above.

I understand that I may be eligible to request a Certificate of Divestiture for qualifying assets and that a Certificate of Divestiture is effective only if obtained prior to divestiture. Regardless of whether I receive a Certificate of Divestiture, I will ensure that all divestitures discussed in this agreement occur within the agreed upon timeframes and that all proceeds are invested in non-conflicting assets. I understand that I must submit my request for a Certificate of Divestiture to allow for adequate time for OGE to process the Certificate of Divestiture and in order to divest assets within the agreed upon timeframe.

I (including my spouse and minor children if applicable) will not repurchase any asset I was required to divest without consulting with my agency ethics official and the U.S. Office of Government Ethics.

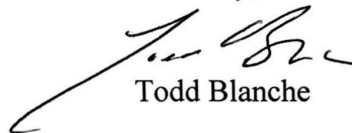
SECTION 5 – SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT

My spouse is the sole proprietor of an integrative health practice. I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of my spouse's integrative health practice, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1). Pursuant to the impartiality regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502, I also will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know a client of my spouse is a party or represents a party, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

SECTION 6 – PUBLIC POSTING

I have been advised that this ethics agreement and the Certification of Ethics Agreement Compliance will be posted publicly, consistent with the public information law at 5 U.S.C. § 552, on the website of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics with ethics agreements of other presidential nominees who file public financial disclosure reports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Blanche", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Todd Blanche