

Rhonda K. Schmidtlein

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U.S. International Trade Commission
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Dear Mr. Bardos:

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 Commissioner, U.S. International Trade Commission.

As required by 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that has a direct and predictable effect on my financial interests or those of any person whose interests are imputed to me, 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 officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person with whom or organization with which I am negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

Upon confirmation, I will terminate my contractual relationship to serve as consultant with the World Bank. For a period of one year after I terminate my agreement with this entity, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which that entity is a party or represents a party, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

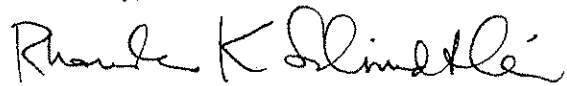
My spouse is currently a partner with the law firm of Williams and Connelly, LLP. I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of the firm, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1). I also will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know that a client of my spouse is a party or represents a party, unless I have been authorized pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

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

Finally, I understand that as an appointee I am required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13490) and that I will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments I have made in this and any other ethics agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rhonda K. Schmidlein".

Rhonda K. Schmidlein