



## U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, D.C. 20530

Walter M. Shaub, Jr.  
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Washington, DC 20005-3919

JAN 13 2015

Dear Mr. Shaub:

In accordance with the provisions of Title I of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as amended, I am forwarding the financial disclosure report of Sally Yates. President Obama has nominated Ms. Yates to serve as the Deputy Attorney General of the United States.

We have conducted a thorough review of the enclosed report. The conflict of interest statute, 18 U.S.C. § 208, requires that Ms. Yates recuse herself from participating personally and substantially in any particular matter in which she knows that she has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, or in which she knows that a person whose interests are imputed to her has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, unless she first obtains a written waiver, pursuant to Section 208(b)(1), or qualifies for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to Section 208(b)(2). Ms. Yates understands that the interests of the following persons are imputed to her: her spouse; minor children; any general partner of a partnership in which she is a limited or general partner; any organization in which she serves as an officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person or organization with which she is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment. In determining whether a particular matter has a direct and predictable effect on her financial interests or on those of any other person whose interests are imputed to her, Ms. Yates will consult with Department of Justice ethics officials.

We have advised Ms. Yates that because of the standard of conduct on impartiality at 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502, she should seek advice before participating in any particular matter involving specific parties in which a member of her household has a financial interest or in which someone with whom she has a covered relationship is or represents a party. Ms. Yates's spouse is employed by Atlanta Speech School. For as long as her spouse continues to work for Atlanta Speech School, Ms. Yates will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which she knows that Atlanta Speech School is a party or represents a party, unless she is first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

Ms. Yates currently serves as Executor of a family member's estate and will continue to serve in the position. Ms. Yates receives no compensation for serving as Executor, and she will not receive any fees during her appointment to the position of Deputy Attorney General.

Ms. Yates has 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 ethics agreements of other Presidential nominees who file public financial disclosure reports.

Finally, Ms. Yates understands that as an appointee she must continue to abide by the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13490) that she previously signed and that she will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments she has made in this ethics agreement.

Based on the above agreements and counseling, I am satisfied that the report presents no conflicts of interest under applicable laws and regulations and that you can so certify to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

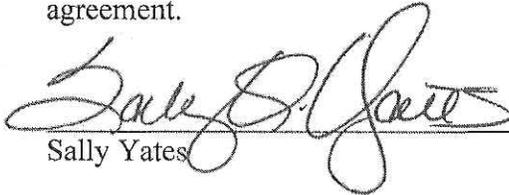


Lee J. Lofthus  
Assistant Attorney General  
For Administration and  
Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

Enclosure

NOMINEE STATEMENT

I have read the attached Ethics Agreement signed by Lee J. Lofthus, Assistant Attorney General and Designated Agency Ethics Official, on JAN 13 2015, 2015, and I agree to comply with the conflict of interest statute and regulations, and to follow the procedures set forth in the agreement. In addition, I understand that as an appointee I must continue to abide by the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13490) that I previously signed and that I will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments I have made in this ethics agreement.

  
Sally Yates

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Date