

August 19, 2022

Ms. Laurie E. Adams
Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Ms. Adams:

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 Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, of the Office of Management and Budget. 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; 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), or obligations of the United States.

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 understand that as an appointee I will be required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13989) and that I will be bound by it. Among other obligations, I will be required to recuse from particular matters involving specific parties involving my former employer or former clients for a period of two years after I am appointed, with the exception of federal, state and local government.

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

SECTION 2 – NEW YORK UNIVERSITY AND NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW FOUNDATION

Upon confirmation, I will take an unpaid leave of absence from my position as the AnBryce Professor of Law and Director of the Institute for Policy Integrity at New York University School of Law. My spouse is a professor with New York University School of Law in a position for which she receives a fixed annual salary. I also currently have a mortgage on my personal residence that is held through New York University. 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 New York University, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for either the exemption for employees on leave from institutions of higher learning allowing participation in certain particular matters of general applicability at 5 C.F.R. § 2640.203(b), or another regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2).

I have four loans with New York University School of Law Foundation. I will continue to hold and pay these loans at the contractually agreed upon terms during my leave of absence. 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 the New York University School of Law Foundation to provide this contractual benefit to me, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1).

SECTION 3 – RESIGNATIONS

Upon confirmation, I will resign from my positions with the American Law Institute and the Brennan Center for Justice. Pursuant to the impartiality regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502, for a period of one year after my resignation from each of these entities, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know 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).

SECTION 4 – ROYALTIES

I receive royalties from Foundation Press for sales of *Environmental Law and Policy* (4th Edition) and from Oxford University Press for *Reviving Rationality*. During my appointment, I will not engage in any writing, editing, or promotional activities associated with these books and will not provide any other services under my publishing agreements. 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 Foundation Press or Oxford University Press, is a party or represents a party, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

SECTION 5 – 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,



Richard Revesz