

America, and in order to strengthen the efforts of the Department of Justice, in conjunction with Federal, State, tribal, territorial, and local agencies, to investigate and prosecute significant financial crimes and other violations relating to the current financial crisis and economic recovery efforts, recover the proceeds of such crimes and violations, and ensure just and effective punishment of those who perpetrate financial crimes and violations, it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. *Establishment.* There is hereby established an interagency Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force (Task Force) led by the Department of Justice.

SEC. 2. *Membership and Operation.* The Task Force shall be chaired by the Attorney General and consist of senior-level officials from the following departments, agencies, and offices, selected by the heads of the respective departments, agencies, and offices in consultation with the Attorney General:

- (a) the Department of Justice;
- (b) the Department of the Treasury;
- (c) the Department of Commerce;
- (d) the Department of Labor;
- (e) the Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- (f) the Department of Education;
- (g) the Department of Homeland Security;
- (h) the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- (i) the Commodity Futures Trading Commission;
- (j) the Federal Trade Commission;
- (k) the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;
- (l) the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System;
- (m) the Federal Housing Finance Agency;
- (n) the Office of Thrift Supervision;
- (o) the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency;
- (p) the Small Business Administration;
- (q) the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
- (r) the Social Security Administration;
- (s) the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigations;
- (t) the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network;
- (u) the United States Postal Inspection Service;
- (v) the United States Secret Service;
- (w) the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement;
- (x) relevant Offices of Inspectors General and related Federal entities, including without limitation the Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board, and the Office of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program; and
- (y) such other executive branch departments, agencies, or offices as the President may, from time to time, designate or that the Attorney General may invite.

The Attorney General shall convene and, through the Deputy Attorney General, direct the work of the Task Force in fulfilling all its functions under this order. The Attorney General shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force within 30 days of the date of this order and shall thereafter convene the Task Force at such times as he deems appropriate. At the direction of the Attorney General, the Task Force may establish subgroups consisting exclusively of Task Force members or their designees under this section, including but not limited to a Steering Committee chaired by the Deputy Attorney General, and subcommittees addressing enforcement efforts, training and information sharing, and victims' rights, as the Attorney General deems appropriate.

SEC. 3. *Mission and Functions.* Consistent with the authorities assigned to the Attorney General by law, and other applicable law, the Task Force shall:

- (a) provide advice to the Attorney General for the investigation and prosecution of cases of bank, mortgage, loan, and lending fraud; securities and commodities fraud; retirement plan fraud; mail and wire fraud; tax crimes; money laundering; False Claims Act violations; unfair competition; discrimination; and other financial

crimes and violations (hereinafter financial crimes and violations), when such cases are determined by the Attorney General, for purposes of this order, to be significant;

- (b) make recommendations to the Attorney General, from time to time, for action to enhance cooperation among Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial authorities responsible for the investigation and prosecution of significant financial crimes and violations; and

(c) coordinate law enforcement operations with representatives of State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement.

SEC. 4. *Coordination with State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Law Enforcement.* Consistent with the objectives set out in this order, and to the extent permitted by law, the Attorney General is encouraged to invite the following representatives of State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement to participate in the Task Force's subcommittee addressing enforcement efforts in the subcommittee's performance of the functions set forth in section 3(c) of this order relating to the coordination of Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement operations involving financial crimes and violations:

- (a) the National Association of Attorneys General;
- (b) the National District Attorneys Association; and
- (c) such other representatives of State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement as the Attorney General deems appropriate.

SEC. 5. *Outreach.* Consistent with the law enforcement objectives set out in this order, the Task Force, in accordance with applicable law, in addition to regular meetings, shall conduct outreach with representatives of financial institutions, corporate entities, nonprofit organizations, State, local, tribal, and territorial governments and agencies, and other interested persons to foster greater coordination and participation in the detection and prosecution of financial fraud and financial crimes, and in the enforcement of antitrust and anti-discrimination laws.

SEC. 6. *Administration.* The Department of Justice, to the extent permitted by law and subject to the availability of appropriations, shall provide administrative support and funding for the Task Force.

SEC. 7. *General Provisions.* (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

- (i) authority granted by law to an executive department, agency, or the head thereof, or the status of that department or agency within the Federal Government; or
- (ii) functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This Task Force shall replace, and continue the work of, the Corporate Fraud Task Force created by Executive Order 13271 of July 9, 2002. Executive Order 13271 is hereby terminated pursuant to section 6 of that order.

(c) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(d) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

SEC. 8. *Termination.* The Task Force shall terminate when directed by the President or, with the approval of the President, by the Attorney General.

BARACK OBAMA.

### § 509A. National Security Division

(a) There is a National Security Division of the Department of Justice.

(b) The National Security Division shall consist of the elements of the Department of Justice (other than the Federal Bureau of Investigation) engaged primarily in support of the in-

telligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, including the following:

- (1) The Assistant Attorney General designated as the Assistant Attorney General for National Security under section 507A of this title.
- (2) The Office of Intelligence Policy and Review (or any successor organization).
- (3) The counterterrorism section (or any successor organization).
- (4) The counterespionage section (or any successor organization).
- (5) Any other element, component, or office designated by the Attorney General.

(Added Pub. L. 109-177, title V, §506(b)(1), Mar. 9, 2006, 120 Stat. 248.)

§ 509B. Section to enforce human rights laws

(a) Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of the Human Rights Enforcement Act of 2009, the Attorney General shall establish a section within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice with responsibility for the enforcement of laws against suspected participants in serious human rights offenses.

(b) The section established under subsection (a) is authorized to—

- (1) take appropriate legal action against individuals suspected of participating in serious human rights offenses; and
- (2) coordinate any such legal action with the United States Attorney for the relevant jurisdiction.

(c) The Attorney General shall, as appropriate, consult with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State.

(d) In determining the appropriate legal action to take against individuals who are suspected of committing serious human rights offenses under Federal law, the section shall take into consideration the availability of criminal prosecution under the laws of the United States for such offenses or in a foreign jurisdiction that is prepared to undertake a prosecution for the conduct that forms the basis for such offenses.

(e) The term “serious human rights offenses” includes violations of Federal criminal laws relating to genocide, torture, war crimes, and the use or recruitment of child soldiers under sections 1091, 2340, 2340A, 2441, and 2442 of title 18, United States Code.

(Added Pub. L. 111-122, §2(b), Dec. 22, 2009, 123 Stat. 3480.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of the Human Rights Enforcement Act of 2009, referred to in subsec. (a), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 111-122, which was approved Dec. 22, 2009.

§ 510. Delegation of authority

The Attorney General may from time to time make such provisions as he considers appropriate authorizing the performance by any other officer, employee, or agency of the Department of Justice of any function of the Attorney General.

(Added Pub. L. 89-554, §4(c), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 612.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| <i>Derivation</i> | <i>U.S. Code</i> | <i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>                  |
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| .....             | [Uncodified].    | 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 2, § 2, eff. May 24, 1950, 64 Stat. 1261. |

The words “including any function transferred to the Attorney General by the provisions of this reorganization plan” are omitted as executed and unnecessary as the words “any function of the Attorney General” include the functions transferred to the Attorney General by 1950 Reorg. Plan. No. 2.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 510, act June 25, 1948, ch. 646, 62 Stat. 910, related to clerical assistants and messengers for United States attorneys, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89-554, §8(a), and reenactment in section 550 of this title by section 4(c) of Pub. L. 89-554.

§ 511. Attorney General to advise the President

The Attorney General shall give his advice and opinion on questions of law when required by the President.

(Added Pub. L. 89-554, §4(c), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 612.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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| .....             | 5 U.S.C. 303.    | R.S. §354. Feb. 27, 1877, ch. 69, §1 (8th full par. on p. 241), 19 Stat. 241. |

§ 512. Attorney General to advise heads of executive departments

The head of an executive department may require the opinion of the Attorney General on questions of law arising in the administration of his department.

(Added Pub. L. 89-554, §4(c), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 613.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| <i>Derivation</i> | <i>U.S. Code</i> | <i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i> |
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| .....             | 5 U.S.C. 304.    | R.S. §356.                                    |

§ 513. Attorney General to advise Secretaries of military departments

When a question of law arises in the administration of the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy, or the Department of the Air Force, the cognizance of which is not given by statute to some other officer from whom the Secretary of the military department concerned may require advice, the Secretary of the military department shall send it to the Attorney General for disposition.

(Added Pub. L. 89-554, §4(c), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 613.)

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| .....             | 5 U.S.C. 307.    | R.S. §357.                                    |

The Department of War was designated the Department of the Army by the Act of July 26, 1947, ch. 343,