govern as authority to compromise and close civil claims in such matters.

[Order No. 764-78, 43 FR 3115, Jan. 23, 1978]

## § 0.66 Delegation respecting title opinions.

- (a) The Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Environment and Natural Resources Division or such members of his staff as he may specifically designate in writing, are authorized to sign the name of the Attorney General to opinions on the validity of titles to property acquired by or on behalf of the United States, except those which, in the opinion of the Assistant Attorney General involve questions of policy or for any other reason require the personal attention of the Attorney General.
- (b) Pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of Public Law 91–393, approved September 1, 1970, 84 Stat. 835, the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Environment and Natural Resources Division is authorized:
- (1) To exercise the Attorney General's power of delegating to other departments and agencies his (the Attorney General's) responsibility for approving the title to lands acquired by them,
- (2) With respect to delegations so made to other departments and agencies, to exercise the Attorney General's function of general supervision regarding the carrying out by such departments and agencies of the responsibility so entrusted to them, and
- (3) To promulgate regulations and any appropriate amendments thereto governing the approval of land titles by such departments and agencies.

 $[{\rm Order\ No.\ 440\text{--}70,\ 35\ FR\ 16084,\ Oct.\ 14,\ 1970}]$ 

#### § 0.67 Delegation respecting conveyances for public-airport purposes.

The Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, and such members of his staff as he may specifically designate in writing, are authorized to exercise the power and authority vested in the Attorney General by section 23(b) of the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 219; 49 U.S.C. 1723) with respect to approving the performance of acts and execution

of instruments necessary to make the conveyances requested in carrying out the purposes of that section, except those acts and instruments which, in the opinion of the Assistant Attorney General, involve questions of policy or for any other reason require the personal attention of the Attorney General

[Order No. 468-71, 36 FR 20428, Oct. 22, 1971]

## § 0.68 Delegation respecting mineral leasing.

The Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, and such members of his staff as he may specifically designate in writing, are authorized to execute the power and authority of the Attorney General under the provisions of section 3 of the act of August 7, 1947, 61 Stat. 914, 30 U.S.C. 352, respecting the leasing of minerals on lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice.

[Order No. 542-73, 38 FR 28289, Oct. 12, 1973]

## § 0.69 Delegation of authority to make determinations and grants.

The Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, or such members of his staff as he may specifically designate in writing, are authorized to exercise the power and authority vested in the Attorney General by Public Law 87-852, approved October 23, 1962 (40 U.S.C. 319), with respect to making the determinations and grants necessary in carrying out the purposes of that Act, except those acts and instruments which in the opinion of the Assistant Attorney General involve questions of policy or for any other reason require the personal attention of the Attorney General.

[Order No. 736-77, 42 FR 38177, July 27, 1977]

## § 0.69a Delegation respecting approval of conveyances.

The Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, and such members of his staff as he may specifically designate in writing, are authorized to exercise the power and authority vested in the Attorney General by the Act of June 4, 1934, 48 Stat. 836, with respect

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to approving the making or acceptance of conveyances by the Secretary of the Interior on behalf of the United States.

[Order No. 947-81, 46 FR 29931, June 4, 1981]

# § 0.69b Delegation of authority respecting conveyances for public airports.

The Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, and such members of his staff as he may specifically designate in writing, are authorized to exercise the power and authority vested in the Attorney General of section 516(b) of The Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 671, 692) with respect to approving the performance of acts and execution of instruments necessary to make the conveyance requested in carrying out the purposes of that section, except those acts and instruments which in the opinion of the Assistant Attorney General, involve questions of policy or for any other reason require the personal attention of the Attorney General.

[Order No. 1069-84, 49 FR 39843, Oct. 11, 1984]

# § 0.69c Litigation involving the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

(a) The authority to receive complaints served upon the Attorney General pursuant to section 401 of the Hazardous Waste Amendments of 1984 (Pub. L. 616, 98th Cong.; 42 U.S.C. 6872(b)(2)(F)) is hereby delegated to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division. Every plaintiff required to serve upon the Attorney General a copy of their complaint, should do so by sending a copy of the complaint, together with all attachments thereto required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules for the Federal District Court in which the complaint if filed, via first class mail, to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

(b) Services pursuant to section 401 shall be deemed effective upon the date the complaint is received by the Assistant Attorney General.

[Order No. 1099-85, 50 FR 26198, June 25, 1985]

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SOURCE: Order No. 423-69, 34 FR 20388, Dec. 31, 1969, unless otherwise noted. Redesignated by Order No. 2865-2007, 72 FR 10066, Mar. 7, 2007.

#### § 0.70 General functions.

The following functions are assigned to and shall be conducted, handled, or supervised by, the Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division:

- (a) Prosecution and defense in all courts, other than the Tax Court, of civil suits, and the handling of other matters, arising under the internal revenue laws, and litigation resulting from the taxing provisions of other Federal statutes (except civil forfeiture and civil penalty matters arising under laws relating to liquor, narcotics, gambling, and firearms assigned to the Criminal Division by \$0.55(d)).
- (b) Criminal proceedings arising under the internal revenue laws, except the following: Proceedings pertaining to misconduct of Internal Revenue Service personnel, to taxes on liquor, narcotics, firearms, coin-operated gambling and amusement machines, and to wagering, forcible rescue of seized property (26 U.S.C. 7212(b)), corrupt or forcible interference with an officer or employee acting under the Internal Revenue laws (26 U.S.C. 7212(a)), unauthorized disclosure of information (26 U.S.C. 7213), and counterfeiting, mutilation, removal, or reuse of stamps (26) U.S.C. 7208).
- (c)(1) Enforcement of tax liens, and mandamus, injunctions, and other special actions or general matters arising in connection with internal revenue matters.
- (2) Defense of actions arising under section 2410 of title 28 of the U.S. Code whenever the United States is named as a party to an action as the result of the existence of a Federal tax lien, including the defense of other actions arising under section 2410, if any, involving the same property whenever a tax-lien action is pending under that section.
- (d) Appellate proceedings in connection with civil and criminal cases enumerated in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section and in §0.71, including