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#### *Section S8H.00 The Office of the Counsel to the Inspector General—(Mission)*

The Office of the Counsel to the Inspector General (OCIG) (S8H) provides independent authoritative legal advice, guidance and counsel to the IG and senior staff on legal issues; regulatory strategy; legislative proposals; and integration and interpretation of new and emerging authorities and Agency responsibilities under anticipated and current regulatory authorities. The OCIG provides advice on the legal issues being deliberated concerning relevant regulatory and procedural information and reviews documents and other materials to ensure sufficiency and compliance with regulatory requirements. The OCIG is responsible for the implementation of the Civil Monetary Penalty (CMP) program, including imposition of penalties and assessments, and the settlement and litigation of CMP cases. The OCIG is also responsible for the coordination and drafting of regulatory commentary.

#### *Section S8H.10 The Office of the Counsel to the Inspector General—(Organization)*

The Office of the Counsel to the Inspector General (OCIG) (S8H) under the leadership of the Counsel to the Inspector General, includes:

A. Counsel to the Inspector General (S8H).

B. The Immediate Office of the Counsel to the Inspector General (S8H).

#### *Section S8H.20 The Office of the Counsel to the Inspector General—(Functions)*

A. The Counsel to the Inspector General (S8H) is directly responsible to the Inspector General for providing authoritative legal advice concerning legal and regulatory strategy; legislative proposals; program authority and responsibilities; and the content of applicable statutes, regulations, rulings, administrative decisions and judicial precedents in all matters relating to

audits and investigations of Agency programs and the CMP program.

B. The Immediate Office of the Counsel to the Inspector General (S8H) provides staff assistance to the Counsel in support of the full range of his/her responsibilities.

1. The office implements the CMP program.

2. The office formulates CMP regulations and develops operating policies and procedures.

3. The office conducts or directs research involving controversial legal questions, issues, problems and complex cases concerning the interpretation, application and enforcement of Agency statutes, rules and regulations.

4. The office reviews, evaluates and analyzes factual and legal issues and materials resulting from hearings, court actions and other proceedings.

5. The office reviews proposed legislation, regulations, policies and procedures to identify vulnerabilities and recommend modifications, where appropriate.

6. The office reviews OIG files and records in response to Privacy and Freedom of Information Act requests.

7. The office provides legal advice to officials and employees regarding ethics and standards of conduct matters. Coordinates the OIG's confidential reporting system reporting on financial interests and outside activities.

8. The office imposes, settles and litigates CMP cases brought under sections 1129 and 1140 of the Social Security Act.

9. The office coordinates and drafts regulatory commentary.

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## STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** Sunday, July 28, 1996, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Monday, July 29, 1996, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

**PLACE:** Opryland Hotel, 2800 Opryland Drive, Nashville, TN 37214.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** FY 1996 grant requests and internal Institute business.

**PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** All matters other than those noted as closed below.

**PORTIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:** Internal personnel matters; Board committee meetings.

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice that the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade will hold meetings during the period beginning July 15, 1996 through November 30, 1996. These meetings will be closed to the public.

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee of Trade will hold meetings beginning July 15, 1996 through November 30, 1996. The meetings will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. agricultural trade policy that include, but are not limited to, issues concerning WTO accession negotiations with various countries; U.S./Mexico bilateral agricultural trade issues; U.S./Canada bilateral agricultural trade issues; Chile NAFTA accession negotiations; international sanitary and phytosanitary barriers to trade; implementation of USDA's Long-term Agricultural Trade Strategy, and WTO Uruguay Round Agreement implementation issues. Pursuant to section 2155(f)(2) of title 19 of the United States Code, the U.S. Trade Representative has determined that these meetings will be concerned solely with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the development by the United States Government of trade policy priorities, negotiating objectives, and bargaining positions. Accordingly, these meetings will be closed to the public.

**DATES:** The meetings are scheduled beginning July 15, 1996 through November 30, 1996, unless otherwise notified.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th & Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250, unless otherwise notified.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Clayton Parker, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of the