

SEC OIG INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY



Former SEC Contract Specialist falsely claimed Virginia residency while living in and working from Florida, collecting higher locality pay for years.

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigated an allegation that a former Contract Specialist in the SEC's Office of Acquisitions lived in St. Petersburg, Florida, while falsely claiming to live in Fairfax, VA, collecting Washington, D.C.-area locality pay as opposed to that allocated for the "Rest of the United States." OIG also investigated whether the Contract Specialist's first line supervisor was aware of the alleged wrongdoing.

OIG found that the individual had lived in Florida since at least 2020 and used a friend's Fairfax, VA address on all official SEC documentation and acquired a Virginia driver's license despite not living at nor working from the address. OIG found that the supervisor was not aware that the Contract Specialist lived in Florida while claiming Virginia residency. The supervisor learned during the return-to-office process in March 2025, that the individual lived in Florida. In April 2025, prior to OIG's investigation, the Contract Specialist accepted voluntary separation incentive pay and resigned his position with the SEC after his newly-submitted request to telework from Florida was denied.

OIG referred the matter to the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO) for the District of Columbia and to the USAO for the Middle District of Florida. Both declined prosecution.

OIG has referred the matter to the SEC for any action the Agency deems appropriate.

