



**Office of Inspector General  
Office of Investigations**

## **Employee Integrity**

### *Misuse of Position*

This case was opened to investigate allegations that a Senior Vice President (SVP) for the Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM Bank) violated government ethics laws and regulations. Specifically, it was alleged that the SVP, a presidential appointee, used EXIM Bank email to communicate with officials at the Executive Office of the President (EOP) to request assistance intended to benefit the cruise line industry. It was determined that the SVP's spouse was an executive with a lobbying firm working on behalf of the cruise lines. The investigation revealed that the SVP sent multiple emails to the EOP in an attempt to obtain some form of favor for the cruise line companies. The investigation also revealed that the SVP was not entirely forthcoming during interviews with investigators. This matter was presented to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia under 18 U.S.C. § 208: "Acts affecting a personal financial interest." The investigation was declined for criminal prosecution. During the course of the investigation, the SVP left EXIM Bank to pursue employment with another government agency. The findings of this investigation were referred to EXIM Bank for action deemed appropriate. The agency forwarded the findings to the Presidential Personnel Office (PPO).