



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

January 18, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRINCIPAL DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority to the Department's Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO)

- 1. DELEGATION.** This memorandum designates Richard J. Hipolit, Principal Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, as the DAEO for the Department of Veterans Affairs, with the authority to coordinate and manage the agency's ethics program and to provide liaison to the Office of Government Ethics with regard to all aspects of such ethics program. The Chief Counsel, Ethics Specialty Team, is designated as the Alternate DAEO to serve in the absence of the DAEO. All District Chief Counsels and Deputy District Chief Counsels and the Senior Counselor to the General Counsel are designated as Deputy Ethics Officials. The DAEO may designate additional Deputy Ethics Officials, as needed.
- 2. AUTHORITY.** The Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-521, as amended).
- 3. RESTRICTIONS.** None. This delegation cancels and supersedes all previous delegations of authority that may conflict with this delegation.
- 4. REDELEGATION.** The DAEO may further redelegate all or part of this authority to Deputy Ethics Officials or others.
- 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This delegation of authority is effective upon signature and continues in effect until superseded or cancelled. I waive the 2-year expiration date for this delegation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert L. Wilkie", is positioned above the printed name.

Robert L. Wilkie