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*Via Electronic Mail Only*

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3/29/2018

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is in further response to your October 31, 2017 Freedom of Information Act request seeking access to records pertaining to an analysis or determination regarding the actual or potential ethical conflicts of Eric Dreiband, the nominee to be the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division.

After review of the responsive Civil Rights Division documents, I have determined that the enclosed memorandum may be released to you in its entirety. I have further determined that access to the remaining documents should be denied pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) since disclosure thereof would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5) since the intra-agency memoranda consist of attorney work-product and predecisional deliberative materials.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's eFOIA portal at <http://www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html>. Your appeal must be postmarked or transmitted electronically within sixty days from the date of this letter. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

I hope the Civil Rights Division has been of some assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Nelson D. Hermilla*

Nelson D. Hermilla, Chief  
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**From:** [Buchko, John \(CRT\)](#)  
**To:** [Toomey, Kathleen \(CRT\)](#)  
**Subject:** AAG nominee  
**Date:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 2:54:00 PM

Kathy,

Do you have some time to discuss how we should handle conducting a conflict check for the expected nominee? The departmental ethics office sent me a draft of his financial disclosure report. I don't anticipate many conflicts but there may be Appellate issues and USERRA/servicemember issues. Thanks. Hope you are well.

John