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OSC Announces New Deputy Special Counsel for Litigation and Legal Affairs

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The U.S. Office of Special Counsel is pleased to announce that Eric Bachman has joined the agency today as Deputy Special Counsel for Litigation and Legal Affairs.

Mr. Bachman spent the last five years at the Justice Department, where he was most recently a Special Litigation Counsel in the Civil Rights Division. He litigated a number of employment discrimination and retaliation matters as well as Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) cases.

Notably, Mr. Bachman was the lead attorney and later the supervisory attorney for the Justice Department in a class action hiring discrimination lawsuit against the New York City Fire Department (FDNY). That case has led to a \$98 million agreement in principle to compensate victims of discriminatory hiring practices, the largest in Justice Department history for a case of its type. Earlier court rulings ordered the City to overhaul its entry-level firefighter hiring process.

“OSC has been doing tremendous work and I’m very excited to join the office,” said Mr. Bachman.

Prior to his time at the Justice Department, Mr. Bachman was a partner at Wiggins, Childs, Quinn & Pantazis, PLLC, where he litigated class action and individual employment discrimination, retaliation, and Fair Labor Standards Act cases. He began his career as a staff attorney in the Jefferson County District Public Defender’s Office in Kentucky. Mr. Bachman has a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and a B.A. in History from Middlebury College.

“Eric is an outstanding civil rights attorney who has achieved significant victories on behalf of both individuals and the U.S. government,” said Special Counsel Carolyn Lerner. “We are delighted that he has joined our team.”

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