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Memorandum for the Attorney General

Re: Authority of the Acting Deputy Attorney General

This responds to your request, conveyed to us by Frank Atkinson, Deputy Chief of Staff, on the extent of the authority of the Acting Deputy Attorney General. As we have stated to you previously, the Acting Deputy Attorney General may exercise all the authority that is vested in the Deputy Attorney General by either statute or regulation.<sup>1</sup> This includes the authority to approve settlements over \$750,000, 28 C.F.R. 0.160(c), and to waive disqualifications under 18 U.S.C. 208. 28 C.F.R. 45.735-5.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

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<sup>1</sup> The only exception to this general rule is that the Acting Deputy Attorney General may not act as Acting Attorney General. 28 U.S.C. 508. As you know, we are currently examining the scope of the Acting Deputy Attorney General's authority under 28 C.F.R. 0.39a.