
Carolyn N. Lerner, Special Counsel

The Honorable Carolyn N. Lerner heads the United States Office of Special Counsel. Her five-year term began in June 2011. Prior to her appointment as Special Counsel, Ms. Lerner was a partner in the Washington, D.C., civil rights and employment law firm Heller, Huron, Chertkof, Lerner, Simon & Salzman, where she represented individuals in discrimination and employment matters, as well as non-profit organizations on a wide variety of issues. She previously served as the federal court appointed monitor of the consent decree in *Neal v. D.C. Department of Corrections*, a sexual harassment and retaliation class action.

Prior to becoming Special Counsel, Ms. Lerner taught mediation as an adjunct professor at George Washington University School of Law, and was mediator for the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and the D.C. Office of Human Rights.

Ms. Lerner earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, where she was selected to be a Truman Scholar, and her law degree from New York University (NYU) School of Law, where she was a Root-Tilden-Snow public interest scholar. After law school, she served two years as a law clerk to the Honorable Julian Abele Cook, Jr., Chief U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Ana Galindo-Marrone, Chief, Hatch Act Unit

Ana Galindo-Marrone began her employment at OSC in 1998, and in 1999 she joined the prosecution division. She has been chief of the Hatch Act Unit since 2000. The Unit enforces compliance with the Act by investigating complaint allegations and litigating Hatch Act cases before the Merit Systems Protection Board. In addition, the Unit is responsible for a nationwide program that provides Hatch Act advisory opinions to federal, state, and local officials, as well as the public at large.

Ms. Galindo-Marrone has been a frequent presenter at conferences and forums on the Hatch Act and OSC's enforcement program. She has been a guest on several radio shows, including The Kojo Nnamdi Show, FEDtalk, Federal Drive, and In Depth. She also has testified or served as a technical consultant before several congressional committees considering Hatch Act reform, including the June 21, 2011, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform hearing, "The Hatch Act: The Challenges of Separating Politics from Policy."

Prior to joining OSC, Ms. Galindo-Marrone was a staff attorney for the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida. Ms. Galindo-Marrone, who is a native of Miami, Florida, received her law degree, cum laude, from the University of Miami School of Law.