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*Biographical Sketch Supporting Nomination of Joseph Ferguson  
to the AIG Board of Directors*

Joseph Ferguson is currently in his third term as Chicago's Inspector General. Prior to becoming Inspector General, Ferguson spent 15 years with the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) for the Northern District of Illinois. Ferguson was a Chief of the USAO's Money Laundering and Forfeiture Section and a Deputy in the Complex Fraud and Financial Crimes Section, where he directed cases related to terrorism financing, government program, health care and bank fraud cases. He represented the federal government at the trial court level before the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and in appeals before the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. His work included: public corruption, health care fraud, labor racketeering, and terrorism, as well as gun, narcotics, and drug-related violent crime cases. His earlier work as a Civil Division attorney included affirmative civil fraud litigation under the False Claims Act, employment discrimination (Title VII), civil rights, and environmental law. He has also served as counsel on federal environmental enforcement and state death penalty matters brought before the United States Supreme Court.

During Ferguson's tenure, the Chicago Office of Inspector General has grown into one of the nation's leading municipal oversight agencies through the evolution of its Audit & Program Review Section (APR), and the creation of its Center for Information Technology & Analytics (CITA) and Public Safety Section, while continuing the impactful administrative and criminal Investigations section work. Ferguson was co-chair of the Chicago Procurement Reform Task Force (PRTF) that reported out opportunities for the City and its sister agencies to uniformly implement best practices for awarding, managing, and overseeing public contracts. A further offshoot of that work was the creation of a standing working group led by the Chicago OIG monitoring the construction work of the multi-billion dollar O'Hare 21 Project, the largest infrastructure project in Chicago in a generation, that draws upon a cadre of national independent private sector Inspector general firms in the field.

Amidst a public outcry for real and lasting change in local law enforcement following the police-involved murder of teenager Laquan McDonald, Ferguson was named to the Chicago Police Accountability Task Force (PATF). Charged with developing comprehensive findings with specific recommendations for change within the Chicago Police Department in the short, interim, and long-term, the PATF developed pragmatic and transparent recommendations for reform that, among other things, resulted in a duly empowered independent civilian investigative police oversight agency—the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA)—a dedicated Police Inspector General unit within the Chicago office of Inspector General and a first-of-its-kind Civilian Police Oversight Commission.