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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENT COMPONENTS  
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FROM:

The Attorney General

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SUBJECT:

Appointment of Acting Associate Attorney General and  
Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division

As you are already aware, Associate Attorney General Tom Perrelli will be leaving the Department on March 9. I am grateful for Tom's outstanding work—and for his abiding dedication to the Department and its mission—over the past three years. Tom's innumerable contributions reflect our nation's finest traditions of public service. We will miss him tremendously.

Today, I am pleased to announce the appointments of Tony West to be the Acting Associate Attorney General and Stuart Delery to be the Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. Tony and Stuart have served the department with professionalism, integrity and dedication over the past three years, and I am confident that they will provide invaluable leadership going forward. Both will assume their new roles upon Tom's departure.

Tony has served as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division since April 2009, with a docket including significant national security matters, defending the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act, spearheading the government's response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and leading the Department's preemption lawsuits against state immigration laws. Among other accomplishments, Tony has bolstered the Civil Division's affirmative civil enforcement efforts, such as health care fraud cases, mortgage fraud cases and other civil actions to protect consumers and to recover taxpayer money lost to fraud and abuse. Tony's efforts to protect consumers also include serving as a co-chair of the Mortgage Fraud Working Group, the Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities Working Group and the Consumer Protection Working Group of the President's Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force.

Since August 2010, Stuart has served in my office as Senior Counselor to the Attorney General, focusing on civil and appellate matters, including national security litigation, as well as legal policy issues. As a senior counselor, he has been a member of the Department's Affordable

Care Act litigation team. Stuart came to the Department in January 2009 and initially served as Chief of Staff and Counselor to the Deputy Attorney General, advising the Deputy Attorney General on significant civil, criminal and national security matters. Later, he served as Associate Deputy Attorney General, focusing on civil litigation and appeals, and coordinating the department's preparation of the federal lawsuit against Arizona's immigration law.

I look forward to working with Tony and Stuart as we continue to fulfill the traditional missions of the Department of Justice.