

## **Summary: BIA Manager Created the Appearance of Using His Public Office for Private Gain**

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The OIG investigated allegations that a Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) manager had used his position for the private gain of a friend, overruled decisions made by an employee's supervisor regarding the employee's leave and telework requests, and improperly influenced the award of a contract because of a personal relationship.

We found that the BIA manager created the appearance of using public office for the private gain of a friend when he participated on the interview panel that recommended the friend, who was also his former fiancé, for a position within the BIA. We found no evidence that the manager influenced any decisions related to an employee's leave or telework requests, or that the manager improperly influenced a contract award.

This is a summary of an investigative report we issued to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs.

