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**BOXER, ISAKSON ANNOUNCE DEBORAH  
MAYER AS NEW ETHICS COMMITTEE STAFF  
DIRECTOR AND CHIEF COUNSEL**

*Mayer Brings Extensive Experience as a Former Federal  
Prosecutor, Navy Judge Advocate General and Director of  
Investigations for the House Ethics Committee*

**Washington, D.C.** – U.S. Senators Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Johnny Isakson (R-GA), the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics, today announced that Deborah Mayer has been named as the new Staff Director and Chief Counsel of the Senate Ethics Committee.

Mayer currently serves as the House Ethics Committee's Director of Investigations, where she has overseen all investigations conducted by the committee, managed an investigative team of attorneys and other staff, advised Members of the Committee, and conducted training for congressional employees on ethics rules.

Before assuming her House position in 2011, she served as a trial attorney in the Public Integrity Section of the Department of Justice, investigating and prosecuting public corruption cases. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, she investigated and prosecuted members and associates of the five New York families of La Cosa Nostra as well as Russian and Balkan organized crime groups. She also has extensive experience as a Judge Advocate General in the U.S. Navy, serving in important legal roles for the military in Germany, Japan, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Connecticut and Washington, D.C.

She will be replacing John Sassaman, the longtime Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the Committee, who recently left the Senate to be ethics director for the Boeing Company's Government Operations program.

**“We are delighted that Deborah Mayer will bring her extensive experience and extraordinary skills to the Senate Ethics Committee,”** said Chairman Boxer and Vice Chairman Isakson. **“She has a well-deserved reputation for fairness, professionalism and integrity that will benefit the Committee and the Senate as a whole. John Sassaman served the Ethics Committee with distinction, and we are thrilled to have found someone to follow in that proud tradition.”**

The Committee is also pleased to announce that it is promoting two of its longtime counsels, Lynn Tran and Tremayne Bunaugh, to senior counsels to the Committee.

**“This experienced team is well-positioned to help the Committee tackle its important work in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress,”** Boxer and Isakson said.

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