



# Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

**O**ur success in accomplishing the SEC's mission of protecting investors, maintaining fair, orderly, and efficient markets, and facilitating capital formation depends on you and your commitment to being fully engaged in what we do. As Chair of the SEC, I am committed to providing you with a work environment that helps to achieve this goal—a work environment that is respectful, inclusive, and allows you to contribute to the best of your ability.


For this reason and because it is the right thing to do, we must all strongly support our nation's equal employment opportunity (EEO) laws. These laws apply to the SEC's personnel policies, practices, and procedures, including but not limited to: recruitment, hiring, promotion, separation, performance evaluation, training and career development, assignment of duties, details, reassignment, compensation, awards, and benefits. EEO laws protect all employees, applicants for employment, and former employees from discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex (which is not limited to conduct that is sexual in nature and includes pregnancy, gender identity, sexual orientation, and transgender status), age, religion, national origin, disability, or genetic information.

Each of us must support an individual's right, without fear of retaliation, to: (1) participate in the EEO process; and/or (2) oppose employment practices which are perceived as discriminatory in the workplace. We can all contribute to making the SEC a model EEO employer by ensuring that discrimination, harassment, and retaliation are simply not tolerated. We must also seek to resolve workplace disputes at the earliest opportunity; to do otherwise would undermine the collegial and respectful environment that we expect at the SEC.

All employees must fully participate in investigations into allegations of discrimination, harassment and/or retaliation. Managers and supervisors must also participate in the alternative dispute resolution program for resolving EEO allegations, Conflict2Resolution (C2R), when the use of C2R is approved by the EEO Director.

If you believe you have been subjected to discrimination, harassment, or retaliation in violation of federal EEO laws or SEC policy, please contact the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity (OEEO) or an EEO Counselor within 45 calendar days of the employment action you believe to be discriminatory to preserve your right to participate in the formal EEO complaint process. You can reach OEEO by telephone (202) 551-6040, fax (202) 772-9316, or in person (SPIII, Suite 2900) to allege discrimination and/or obtain additional information regarding your EEO rights and responsibilities. TTY users should call the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 to be connected with OEEO. OEEO's webpage on The INSIDER provides additional information.

Thank you for your continued efforts to make the promise of equal employment opportunity a reality.

  
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