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U.S. OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL ANNOUNCES SENATE CONFIRMATION OF CAROLYN N. LERNER TO HEAD AGENCY

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The U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) today announced that on April 14, 2011, the Senate confirmed President Barack Obama's nomination of Carolyn N. Lerner to the position of Special Counsel of OSC.

Ms. Lerner, a partner at the Washington, D.C. employment law firm Heller, Huron, Chertkof, Lerner, Simon & Salzman, will join OSC for a five-year term.

Associate Special Counsel William E. Reukauf said, "We have passed along our congratulations and look forward to Carolyn Lerner's swearing-in as the next Special Counsel."

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