

**MEMORANDUM**

Office of Compliance

To: Principal Investigators, Research Administrators, and Research Deans

From: The Office of Compliance *AKS*

Date: August 13, 2007

Subject: Office of Compliance New Hire – Jeff Wiginton

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The Office of Compliance would like to take this opportunity to introduce Jeff Wiginton, who has joined the office as a Research Administration Compliance Manager. Jeff comes to our office after having spent the last two years as the Director of Facilities at the Keck School of Medicine.

Prior to his time at USC, Jeff spent several years at UCLA, where his work ranged from acting as a Compliance and Business Officer in Capital Programs, to working as a Senior Legal Analyst in the Office of the Chancellor.

Jeff's primary initial focus will be to further improve USC's oversight of the identification, disclosure, and management of conflicts of interest related to research. This will include engaging in proactive assessments of possible conflicts of interest across the research community; developing more streamlined and investigator friendly procedures to disclose conflicts of interest; engaging in educational outreach to investigators and research personnel; monitoring compliance with management recommendations on disclosed conflicts of interest; and coordination with other units and departments at USC to ensure that conflicts are appropriately and comprehensively managed.

Over time, we expect that Jeff will transition into other areas of research compliance and will become a key asset to the Office of Compliance's ongoing efforts to provide the USC research community with the tools to comply with the myriad of federal regulations and USC policies governing the conduct of sponsored research.