

Cynthia A. Schnedar  
*Acting Inspector General*  
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Cynthia A. Schnedar assumed the position of Acting Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Justice on January 29, 2011. She joined the Office of the Inspector General in October 2005 and served as Counselor to the Inspector General until July 2010, when she was appointed as Deputy Inspector General.

Ms. Schnedar began her career with the Department of Justice in 1989 as an Honors Program attorney assigned to the Civil Division, where she represented the United States in complex civil fraud litigation under the False Claims Act. In 1994, she became an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Washington, D.C., where she was the lead attorney in more than 30 trials as a criminal prosecutor and a civil attorney. She also handled numerous grand jury investigations and argued cases before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. During her last two years with the U.S. Attorney's Office, she served as the Deputy Chief of the Sex Offense and Domestic Violence Section.

Ms. Schnedar received her Juris Doctor with Honors from the University of Texas School of Law in 1988, and following law school, clerked for the Honorable James R. Browning on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She received her Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in journalism and political science from the University of New Mexico in 1983. She worked as an on-air reporter for television stations in New Mexico and Texas from 1983 to 1985.