

Leo Wise Biographical Statement
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The Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) has named Leo J. Wise, a former trial attorney at the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), as the office's first Staff Director and Chief Counsel.

Wise served most recently as a counsel to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division at the DOJ. Prior to that, he was a trial attorney in the Fraud Section, a member of the Enron Task Force that successfully prosecuted Ken Lay and Jeffrey Skilling and a member of the Tobacco Litigation Team that successfully prosecuted the federal government's civil racketeering case against the cigarette industry. Wise received the top honors awarded by the Attorney General of the United States and the Director of the FBI.

Prior to joining the DOJ through the Attorney General's Honors Program, Wise was a law clerk to the Honorable Jan E. Dubois of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School, the School of Advanced International Studies and the Johns Hopkins University. He is an officer in the United States Navy Reserve and an adjunct professor the School of Public Affairs at American University.