



U. S. Department of Justice

Office of the Solicitor General

Solicitor General

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Dear Mr. President,

It has been the honor of my professional career to serve as the Solicitor General of the United States since 2017. I am deeply grateful to you for giving me that opportunity. With the current Supreme Court Term—my third in the job—nearing its end, I have decided it is time for me to return to the private sector and spend more time with my family. Accordingly, please accept this letter of resignation, effective July 3, 2020.

Representing the United States before the Supreme Court is one of the greatest jobs in the law. And the opportunity personally to present 17 arguments on behalf of the United States during your Presidency has been a particular privilege. During that time, we have had significant success in advancing the rule of law—including protecting religious liberty, ensuring vigorous enforcement of the Nation's immigration laws, and safeguarding the executive power that the Constitution confers on the President. It has been a great honor to advance these objectives alongside the dedicated men and women at the Department of Justice—some of the finest lawyers I have known.

More generally, I believe we have furthered the principle of limited constitutional government. Towards that end, your judicial appointments—including the appointment of two Supreme Court justices and almost two hundred federal appellate and district court judges—will redound to the benefit of the Nation for many years to come. I am also immensely grateful for the leadership of Attorney General Barr; he is a friend and a patriot who has devoted much of his career to serving this great Nation.

Finally, let me reiterate my thanks to you for bestowing upon me the honor of a lifetime. Although I will no longer be representing the Administration in court, I will be pulling for you from the sidelines. In the meantime, I wish you all the best during the remainder of your Administration and beyond.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Noel J. Francisco". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Noel J. Francisco