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The Office of Chief Counsel is pleased to announce the selection of three of their career executives for receipt of the FY 2003 Presidential Rank Award. Winners of this prestigious award are strong leaders, professionals, and scientists who achieve results and consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, industry, and a relentless commitment to excellence in public service. The President selected award recipients after a rigorous review process coordinated by the Office of Personnel Management. Recipients of this award may be given one of two ranks: Distinguished or Meritorious.

This year's Office of Chief Counsel winners are:

For the rank of Distinguished Executive

**Sarah Hall Ingram**

**Division Counsel/Associate Chief Counsel (Tax Exempt and Government Entities)**

Ms. Ingram has provided outstanding tax law leadership in the highly sensitive and complex areas of employee benefits, exempt organizations, and government entities. Under her direction, her office initiated and executed new pension distributing regulations which were widely praised by the press, practitioners and taxpayers as the single most important tax simplification for the average individual taxpayer in the last 10 years significantly reducing the time, money and frustration otherwise experience by employers, plan administrators and individuals. She has also been highly effective in the effort to address those financing terrorism through the use and abuse of exempt organizations.

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