

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 13, 2009

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Mr. President:

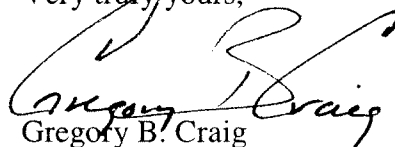
I am writing to tell you of my intention to resign my position as White House Counsel and return to private practice as of Sunday, January 3, 2010. It has been an honor to work for you, and I will always be grateful to you for giving me the chance.

I want to tell you how proud I am of all that your legal team has accomplished on your behalf and in support of your agenda since your Inauguration on January 20, 2009. In addition to drafting the many executive orders that you signed to implement your policies and to advance your priorities, we worked to make your administration the most ethical and most transparent in history. Working with the members and staff of your National Security Council, we have helped develop a legal framework that will deal with threats to our national security in such a way as to protect our nation from harm while remaining true to our most fundamental values. Working with others inside and outside the White House, we helped you identify and appoint Judge Sonia Sotomayor to be your first nominee to the Supreme Court. We share your pride in that appointment and the work that went into it.

It has been a privilege to support you in your effort to nominate individuals of extraordinary excellence and experience – as well as of unprecedented diversity – to serve on the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals and to be federal district court judges. And I am proud that we have been able to provide successful and effective representation to you, to your senior staff and to the members of your cabinet in a wide variety of matters that have required attention and been resolved favorably.

It has been a busy first year, and I feel very lucky to have been part of it.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory B. Craig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gregory" and last name "Craig" being the most prominent parts.

Gregory B. Craig  
Counsel to the President