

The Honorable Amy L. Comstock became the sixth Director of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics in November 2000, having accepted President Clinton's nomination in 1999. She is currently serving in a five-year appointment. As Director, she heads the federal agency which is responsible for providing overall direction of executive branch policies for preventing conflicts of interest on the part of executive branch officers and employees.

Ms. Comstock has devoted much of her career to public service and is committed in her tenure at the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) to promoting and ensuring the integrity of public service for all executive branch employees. She seeks to strengthen communications with ethics officials and to have OGE play a stronger role in providing ongoing support to the executive branch ethics community. She also seeks to make the ethics program more effective by streamlining processes and reducing technical aspects that do not contribute to program effectiveness. She is also interested in making fuller use of information technology to make the ethics program more efficient.

Ms. Comstock began her professional career when she joined the law firm of Beveridge & Diamond after graduation from law school. In 1988, she entered federal service as an attorney in the Office of General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Education. From 1993 to 1998 she served as the Assistant General Counsel for Ethics at the Department of Education. From 1998-2000, she served as the Associate Counsel to the President in the White House Counsel's Office.

Ms. Comstock received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bard College and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Michigan. She and her husband, Patrick Morris, have two children. They live in Maryland.