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**3896782, Nicole Lamb-Hale to leave Foley & Lardner to take Obama administration post**

Posted by Dollface on Thu May-28-09 03:55 PM

Source: **Crains Detroit Business**

Nicole Lamb-Hale, managing partner of the Detroit offices of Foley & Lardner L.L.P., confirmed to Crain's on Thursday she will leave the firm to take an appointment as Deputy General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Commerce. Lamb-Hale, 42, will take the appointment effective June 8. The post has been vacant since David Bowshen left the office Jan. 20 during the change of presidential administrations.

Cameron Kerry, brother of U.S. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., received the appointment as general counsel last Thursday. Paulo Mendes, executive officer at the general counsel office at Commerce, deferred comment to the department's Office of Public Affairs. A communications director could not be immediately reached for comment.

A graduate of Southfield High School with an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, Lamb-Hale oversees a staff of 80 people in Foley's Detroit office, including 40 or so attorneys, and manages a \$100 million budget. She received her law degree from Harvard Law School in 1991.

As the first African American woman to manage a major local law firm, she was named one of Crain's Most Influential Women in 2007, when she was also serving on the campaign of then-presidential candidate Barack Obama.  
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**3896791, Kudos to Ms. Lamb-Hale for her distinguished accomplishments. What a blast it**

Posted by Ninga on Thu May-28-09 04:01 PM

would be to work at any of the US Departments.

**3896888, Thank heaven corporatists finally have some representation in the Obama administration. It's been**

Posted by No Elephants on Thu May-28-09 04:57 PM

way too populist so far.

**3897126, OTOH, she could be an informed, formidable enemy of the dark side**

Posted by Zorra on Thu May-28-09 07:03 PM

if she is stand up.

But yeah, (\*sigh\*), I get what you mean.