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Harvard College, A.B. cum laude 1980

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After six years working as an associate at large law firms in Chicago, I joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tampa, Florida in 1989. In 1991, I transferred to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Honolulu, Hawaii. While with the Department of Justice I prosecuted a variety of criminal cases with particular emphases in white collar crime and alien smuggling. This included acting as the prosecutor on a multi-year multi-agency food stamp trafficking investigation which resulted in the conviction of 19 defendants and over \$1.4 million in forfeitures. I also served as computer crimes coordinator.

In 2004 I joined the Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General with the responsibility of providing support to the investigations unit. These responsibilities included reviewing subpoenas for legal sufficiency, providing yearly legal update training to agents, consulting advice to agents on legal issues in specific cases, and reviewing false claims acts cases. In 2009 I was promoted to chief counsel in that capacity I supervise the legal staff at the DOT OIG. I continue to review subpoenas and provide advice on the more complex investigative issues.

Over the course of my career with the government I have given a large number of trainings and presentations on a variety of subjects to a variety of audiences. The subjects have included the prosecution of alien smuggling, obtaining electronic evidence under ECPA, disadvantaged business enterprise fraud, OIG authorities, suspension and debarment, False Claims Act, workplace searches, government discovery obligations, the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendment, interview warnings, and grand jury secrecy. Audiences have included, industry groups, DOT regulatory personnel, DOT attorneys, OIG attorneys, fraud awareness conferences, the Office of Government Ethics Conference, Ukrainian law enforcement officials, Brazilian law enforcement officials, two international law enforcement conferences