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## DIRECTOR'S AWARDS CEREMONY



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# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

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Welcome to the 27th Director's Awards Ceremony. We are here today to recognize the exceptional work, dedication, and distinguished achievements of the men and women of the Department of Justice, the Offices of the United States Attorneys, and our partners in the law enforcement community nationwide.

Today's recipients provide support in the United States Attorneys' Offices, investigate and prosecute the most heinous criminals, and represent the United States in significant criminal and civil cases. They have made major contributions to the Offices of the United States Attorneys and to the mission of the Department of Justice. Our honorees exemplify the best in federal service.

These individuals work to protect the rights of every citizen of our great country, and we applaud each of them for their commitment to excellence and unselfish dedication in their efforts to achieve justice. I am honored to participate with the many families, friends, and colleagues of our award recipients, and I know that you join me in congratulating all of these remarkable individuals, each of whom has served our great nation with distinction and integrity.

Many great men and women have been recognized over the years at this ceremony, and I feel privileged to be a part of this great tradition. On behalf of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, thank you for joining us in today's ceremony and celebration.

H. Marshall Jarrett  
Director

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**ORDER OF EVENTS**

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

Terry L. Derden

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS & NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Military District of Washington  
Armed Forces Color Guard and Vocalist

**WELCOME AND REMARKS**

H. Marshall Jarrett, Director  
Executive Office for United States Attorneys

Eric H. Holder, Jr.  
Attorney General of the United States

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr.  
Acting Deputy Attorney General Gary G. Grindler  
Director H. Marshall Jarrett

**NARRATORS**

Suzanne Bell  
Terry L. Derden  
Katherine Gugulis  
Dan Villegas  
Norman Wong  
Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Gary G. Grindler  
Acting Deputy Attorney General of the United States  
Director H. Marshall Jarrett

**RECEPTION**

A reception honoring the award recipients and their guests will follow immediately in Room 2266, Main Justice Building.

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**EXECUTIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Judith A. Mraz (District of Delaware)** for more than 29 years of outstanding service to the Department of Justice. As the long term Administrative Officer for this district, Ms. Mraz has been remarkably adept at juggling the diverse demands of a small United States Attorney's office (USAO). She possesses the leadership skills to motivate others, the management skills to supervise tasks to a successful conclusion, and a willingness to accomplish all tasks. She has faithfully served four United States Attorneys and earned the respect and admiration of all who have worked with her. She is Vice Chair of the Administrative Officer's Working Group, serves as a mentor to new Administrative Officers and has also served as an evaluator in the Evaluation and Review program (EARS) for more than eight years. Her tenure has been marked by the highest degree of professionalism and an unwavering commitment to the mission of the Department.

**Joseph D. Newman (Southern District of Georgia)** for accomplishments throughout his career, which have earned him great respect and recognition. Mr. Newman is considered a valued member of the USAO. Not only has he handled a variety of criminal cases over the years, but he has been an effective supervisor and manager, serving as Lead OCDEF Attorney, Criminal Chief, First Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), Acting United States Attorney, including on matters where the sitting United States Attorney is recused, and Senior Litigation Counsel. He has worked under eight different United States Attorneys, all of whom have commended him with exceptional ratings. His ability to fairly and judiciously handle matters of significant importance is both remarkable and often called upon both within and outside the office for resolution of potential problem areas for the government, the bench, and the bar. Mr. Newman has dedicated his professional life to the mission of the USAO and the Department of Justice.

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**Charles T. Miller (Southern District of West Virginia)** for his outstanding performance for more than 25 years as a prosecutor in the Southern District of West Virginia. During his tenure, Mr. Miller became recognized as one of the top trial lawyers in West Virginia, where he successfully tried numerous high profile cases, particularly in the area of civil rights. In addition, he has provided exceptional and inspiring leadership to the USAO, serving as the First AUSA since 1988 and as the Acting or Interim United States Attorney on four separate occasions. He is held in the highest regard by his staff, the judiciary, and the law enforcement community because he has consistently demonstrated the highest standards of excellence and dedication to the Department of Justice and the nation.

**SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE IN A  
MANAGERIAL OR SUPERVISORY ROLE**

**Stuart M. Goldberg (District of Maryland)** for exceptional performance during his tenure as First AUSA. Mr. Goldberg joined the USAO in 2005, after a distinguished career in the Senior Executive Service as Principal Deputy Chief and Acting Chief of the Public Integrity Section of Main Justice. During the past five years, he has played a central role in building the office's internal morale and public reputation; in developing innovative and effective law enforcement programs; in promoting close working relationships with state and local law enforcement agencies, Main Justice and other federal agencies; and in assembling a diverse and superbly qualified team, including hiring more than half of the district's current 84 AUSAs and a large proportion of its non-attorney staff.

**Terrence Berg (Eastern District of Michigan)** for his work on a six month detail where he served as the Acting First AUSA for the Middle District of Georgia. While serving in that capacity Mr. Berg provided both outstanding leadership and management skills under challenging conditions. Mr. Berg was instrumental in developing and implementing a strategic plan for the improvement of the management and structure of the office. This included revising the Criminal Division's management plan; improving case intake, assignment and review procedures; organizing the first district-wide retreat in ten years; overseeing an increase in productivity in criminal cases indicted; working with the management team to significantly improve relationships with client agencies and the judiciary; initiating a mentoring program that paired less experienced AUSAs with senior AUSAs to provide counsel and guidance; participating in the development of a "Back to Basics" training program for all criminal AUSAs; and establishing a program to improve morale and promote a sense of camaraderie and teamwork among the staff.

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**James B. Nobile (District of New Jersey)** for his service as Special Prosecution Chief and his leadership of the successful prosecution of almost two hundred public officials who breached their sworn duty to the people of New Jersey in exchange for personal profit. In the District of New Jersey, public corruption cases are a core part of the mission and cases are often complex and the focus of intense public scrutiny. Their successful investigation and prosecution require the knowledge, skill and judgment of a seasoned prosecutor. Mr. Nobile is that prosecutor, which is evidenced by the fact that during his tenure virtually every charged defendant has been convicted. This is due primarily to the close oversight and consistent direction Mr. Nobile provides to every investigation and prosecution. In an office long distinguished by its aggressive pursuit of public corruption, no single individual has more substantially furthered this critical mission than Mr. Nobile.

**William C. Lucius (District of South Carolina)** for his dedication and commitment to the Department, his branch office and his staff. He has served as the Branch Manager for the Greenville, South Carolina office since 1992 and has been employed as an AUSA in this office since 1982. Throughout his tenure as Branch Manager, he has endured a number of changes, including office moves, expansion of personnel, and myriad changes in staff—both within the office and to the client agencies. Mr. Lucius has also seen a number of changes in priorities and his duties during his tenure, including additional delegation of responsibility to the branch offices. Throughout all of this, he has maintained a professional outlook that has led to him being well-respected by his employees, supervisors, the judiciary, client agencies and the defense bar.

**APPRECIATION AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTIONS THAT  
ENHANCE THE MISSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
FOR UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS AND THE  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS' OFFICES**

**Staci L. Leake (Executive Office for United States Attorneys)** for her outstanding leadership as Executive Office for United States Attorneys' (EOUSA) first Affirmative Employment Program Manager. In this role, Ms. Leake is committed to improving the effectiveness of the Department's diversity recruitment, hiring, retention, and professional development efforts in support of the Attorney General's Diversity Management Plan. Her passion and dedication to diversity recruitment and providing support to the National Special Emphasis Program Managers throughout EOUSA and the USAOs is inspiring. Through her personal efforts to partner with other Department components and USAOs to combine manpower and resources, Ms. Leake has been able to reduce costs significantly and increase our presence at nationwide recruitment events.

**K. Tate Chambers (Central District of Illinois)** for his exceptional work and dedication to the EARS program during a one-year detail during Fiscal Year 2010. During this time, Mr. Chambers worked with the EOUSA national program coordinators to update and improve the evaluation process for programs such as OCDETF, Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), Asset Forfeiture, and Indian Country. He also served as Team Leader and EARS Point of Contact on numerous evaluations, offering outstanding leadership and steady counsel to evaluation teams. Additionally, he conducted numerous follow-up teleconferences with United States Attorneys and other USAO senior managers whose districts had previously been evaluated, but for whom no follow-up visit had been scheduled. EARS had been without a Follow-up Program Manager for over a year, and Mr. Chamber's willingness to assist with this work enabled EARS to keep the program on track despite a vacancy.

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**Judy Moritz Swem (Western District of Washington)** for her work assisting the Office of Legal Education (OLE) with a multitude of training courses at the National Advocacy Center (NAC). These include courses for OLE, the Medicaid Integrity Institute and the Justice Leadership Institute. Because of Ms. Swem's extensive experience conducting fraud investigations, her input on course curriculum was invaluable to OLE and to the training partners at the NAC. She has spent countless hours designing and developing courses and programs to benefit her colleagues in the USAOs and has contributed significantly to the success of OLE in these areas.

**SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AS A SPECIAL ASSISTANT  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY**

**Anthony Robert Montero (Federal Bureau of Investigation)** for his extraordinary work prosecuting health care fraud. Most recently, he conceived of and carried out Operation License Integrity, a multi-agency initiative resulting in the conviction of 42 defendants for their participation in a scheme to fraudulently bill the California Medicaid program for purported nursing services provided to severely disabled children. This initiative, which involved the largest single takedown of health care fraud targets in the Central District of California's history, targeted an extremely serious problem and has had a deterrent effect throughout the district. His leadership in this initiative caps six years of dedicated and inspired work, including the successful prosecutions of UCLA Medical Center employees for HIPAA violations (the first-ever such convictions in this District); a ring involved in staging phony funerals; and a doctor who continued to commit a multi-million dollar health care fraud from prison.

**Benjamin Bain-Creed (Western District of North Carolina)** for his outstanding contributions to the Department's forfeiture efforts and to ensuring that the maximum amount of restitution is paid to victims of crimes in a timely manner. Since August 2008, Mr. Bain-Creed has completed cases resulting in the forfeiture and distribution to victims of over \$25,000,000. In addition, he currently maintains a caseload involving over 800 victims and over \$10,000,000 in assets. The subject matter of his cases ranges from child exploitation to complex Ponzi schemes, bank frauds, and international frauds. He frequently juggles cases involving multiple moving parts and joint investigations by state authorities and federal regulatory agencies, all while remaining available to assist law enforcement officers and fellow AUSAs working in his district's high-volume, white-collar fraud practice. Most importantly, he always remains available to speak with distraught victims who have suffered significant losses.

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**Jerrod C. Patterson (Tax Division)** for his efforts in the Northern District of Ohio with AUSA John M. Siegel to successfully prosecute two related complex, high-profile cases to defraud the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland of over \$17 million through a phony billing scheme using shell companies by the Diocese's Chief Financial Officer, Joseph Smith, and Assistant Treasurer, Anton Zgoznic. Both defendants were also charged with defrauding the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) by filing, or assisting in the filing, of false tax returns and obstructing IRS audits by lying to IRS auditors in order to conceal their role in this scheme. After Smith and Zgoznic were severed as defendants, amidst extremely negative publicity unrelated to the case concerning the Diocese, AUSA Siegel and Trial Attorney Patterson convicted Zgoznic of all 15 counts with which he was charged in the indictment. A year later, Smith was tried and convicted on all of his tax-related charges.

**Guillermo Gil-Bonar (District of Puerto Rico)** for his role, with AUSA Lisa Snell Rivera, in the 2002 through 2005 investigation and prosecution for defrauding the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) of disaster monies paid to farmers following Hurricane Georges in 1998. These fraudulent loans depleted the National Disaster Relief Fund. Following a seven month jury trial, the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Program Director, a Loan Manager, and an FSA contractor were convicted of conspiracy to defraud the FSA of more than \$13 million, bribery, and multiple counts of fraud. The trial involved more than eighty witnesses and as many bank accounts. Mr. Gil-Bonar was also instrumental in obtaining more than twenty individual felony convictions, including of the former Puerto Rico Secretary of Agriculture who were receiving kickbacks from these fraudulent loans and awards.

**SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AS AN  
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY - CRIMINAL**

**Brian G. Larson (District of Arizona)** for his outstanding work to further the mission of the first Rule of Law Group in the District of Arizona and on the Southwest Border. Garnering his experience as an OCDETF AUSA, prior OPDAT deployment to Colombia, and Spanish language skills, Mr. Larson coordinated and conducted training of Mexican prosecutors and investigators in the Mexican State of Sonora as part of the district's "Rule of Law" outreach to its neighboring Mexican state. He assisted with coordinating and conducting OPDAT training for the Merida program in Mexico City and Phoenix, is part of the Sensitive Investigative Unit Mexican Prosecutor Mentor program, and serves as a Strike Force AUSA in the Phoenix office. Mr. Larson's work has been instrumental in developing cooperative law enforcement relationships with prosecutors and investigators throughout Mexico and in coordinating some of the most high profile Strike Force drug trafficking cases in the District of Arizona.

**Kevin M. Rapp (District of Arizona)** is recognized for his outstanding work in convicting eight defendants in a nearly \$10,000,000 mortgage fraud scheme, including obtaining an almost 17-year sentence (200 months) against the lead defendant, Bernadel. The defendants participated in a two-year scheme in which they submitted fraudulent mortgage loan applications, on behalf of straw buyers, under false pretenses, and obtained and disbursed the proceeds of the fraudulently-obtained loans to bank accounts controlled by defendant Bernadel and other defendants. Bernadel used the proceeds from the fraud to support a lavish lifestyle and the scheme resulted in losses to lending institutions of nearly \$10,000,000. All but one of the defendants entered guilty pleas. The lead defendant, Bernadel, was convicted of 19 counts related to mortgage fraud, including mail, wire and bank fraud, and transactional money laundering, following a three-week jury trial involving 20 witnesses, including two experts on escrow practices and bank standards.

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A loan officer was sentenced to two years imprisonment for her role in the offense. An escrow officer, real estate agent and loan originator were also convicted of felony offenses for their roles in the mortgage fraud scheme.

**Joey L. Blanch, Rupa S. Goswami, and Mark C. Krause (Central District of California)** for their work on an eight-month, multi-agency child pornography investigation, which led to the arrests and convictions of numerous defendants for crimes involving the sexual exploitation of children. Between January and August 2008, AUSAs Blanch, Goswami, and Krause coordinated the efforts of federal, state, and local law enforcement to combat the distribution of child pornography through peer-to-peer computer networks. This investigation involved the execution of more than 100 federal search warrants and resulted in federal child pornography indictments returned against 54 individuals across five counties; state charges against six additional defendants for offenses involving the sexual exploitation of children; and the identification of 13 juveniles in possession of child pornography. Defendants discovered as a result of this operation included teachers, lawyers, and two members of law enforcement. Some of these defendants confessed to molesting children or producing child pornography; some of them had prior convictions for child exploitation offenses; and one was living above a daycare facility. In 2009 and 2010, each of these defendants was convicted and collectively they have been sentenced to more than 400 years in custody.

**Christopher P. Tenorio (Southern District of California)** for his exemplary prosecution of Adrian Zitlalpopoca on ten counts of sex trafficking by force and related charges. For several years, AUSA Tenorio tracked the activities of defendant's family, which participated in the trafficking of young women for prostitution into the agricultural fields in San Diego County. After months of personal attention, AUSA Tenorio obtained the confidence of two young victims who, due to fear and coercion, were reluctant to implicate the defendant. AUSA Tenorio developed evidence that the defendant targeted these teenage victims in

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Mexico and manipulated them to perform daily acts of prostitution for several years. He deftly and sensitively overcame one victim's initial refusal to testify against the defendant at trial. After obtaining a conviction, AUSA Tenorio, persuaded the court to impose a custodial sentence of 292 months and a restitution order of over \$1.4 million for the victims.

**Amanda Haines and Deborah L. Sines (District of Columbia)** for their exceptional performance in the prosecution of Azariah Israel and Ronald Cheadle. The defendants were tried on charges of, *inter alia*, conspiracy to obstruct justice by killing witnesses against them, three counts of first degree murder – including killing two witnesses – and several counts of obstructing justice. During jury selection, death threats were made to kill one of the prosecutors and kidnap her son. Security measures were put in place, and Ms. Haines and Ms. Sines proceeded to opening statements just days after the threats were received. After a more than two month long trial in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia, the jury convicted the defendants of all counts. The courage, dedication, and tenacity of these prosecutors, particularly in the face of direct threats, are a testament to their dedication to the mission of the Department of Justice.

**Karen E. Rhew-Miller (Northern District of Florida)** for her outstanding prosecution of Dr. David W. Webb on 36 counts of health care fraud, 90 counts of illegal distribution of controlled substances, two counts of conspiracy to commit those offenses, and two counts of identity theft. Webb was convicted following a two and a half week trial in September 2009. AUSA Rhew-Miller took over this complex prosecution approximately six weeks before the scheduled trial date. She quickly became familiar with the facts of the case including more than 50 witnesses, of which five were expert witnesses; organized 800 exhibits that were introduced into evidence at trial; and assembled a strong presentation of evidence. AUSA Rhew-Miller did an outstanding job during trial, presenting compelling evidence and ultimately destroyed an

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aggressive defense, successfully cross-examining a defense pain management expert and the defendant, an experienced physician. Webb was sentenced to life imprisonment.

**Neil Karadbil and John S. Kastrenakes (Southern District of Florida)** for the investigation and prosecution of a self-proclaimed internet “cop basher” for the premeditated murder of a decorated Broward County Sheriff’s Deputy during the course of the execution of federal arrest and search warrants at the defendant’s Fort Lauderdale, Florida residence for possession of child pornography and obstruction of justice. This death penalty certified trial lasted over two months, involved dozens of fact witnesses, and nearly a dozen separate expert witnesses in wide ranging fields of computer science, neurology, psychiatry, crime scene reconstruction, toxicology and forensic medicine. The shooter, Kenneth Paul Wilk, was convicted as charged and sentenced to three terms of life imprisonment.

**Rodney D. Bullard, Francey Hakes and Richard S. Moultrie, Jr. (Northern District of Georgia)** for their work on the difficult prosecution of a former emergency room physician, Dr. Adam Lebowitz, for heinous child sex offenses after the prosecution team lost much of the evidence in the case. AUSAs Moultrie, Bullard and Hakes convicted Lebowitz of enticing a 16 year-old boy to engage in sex acts that he videotaped and distributed on the Internet, and of attempting to entice a 15 year-old boy to engage in sex acts. At the time of the sexual contact with his victims, Lebowitz was knowingly HIV-positive. The team adopted a then-state investigation and fought complex suppression challenges involving novel computer search issues. Lebowitz initially pled guilty, but the court permitted him to withdraw the plea a year later, when much of the important physical evidence had been returned or destroyed. After a week-long trial, the team nonetheless convicted Lebowitz and obtained a 26-year sentence of imprisonment.

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**Aaron N. Lucoff (District of Idaho)** for his extraordinary efforts in the District's PSN, Anti-gang, and Rural Meth Initiative strategies. His ability to form effective partnerships at the federal, state and local levels has played a key role in combating gangs and drugs in the Treasure Valley region of Idaho. AUSA Lucoff developed key strategies to address the burgeoning gang problem in Southwest Idaho and the meth scourge that has visited the vulnerable rural communities. Through his leadership, the office formed cooperative partnerships that strategically address these two significant crime threats. AUSA Lucoff was so successful in developing an anti-gang strategy that local governments pooled their resources with the specific intent to hire and send a local prosecutor to the office as a Special AUSA to double our anti-gang efforts. With the positive effects and reduction of gang violence, AUSA Lucoff turned his attention and considerable skills to developing a Meth Initiative, which targets wholesale methamphetamine distributors in Southwest Idaho. His efforts enabled the USAO to re-engage in the fight against methamphetamine by providing effective support to the district's local law enforcement partners.

**Matthew P. Brookman (Southern District of Indiana)** for his outstanding prosecution of Jarvis Brown and two others in connection with an Indianapolis to Evansville crime spree led by principal triggerman Jarvis Brown. In December 2005, Brown and his co-defendants undertook numerous home invasions and attempted robberies of illegal gambling houses. During that month, Brown used machine pistols and assault rifles to affect 13 shootings resulting in four deaths and four people seriously wounded. He murdered a female accomplice he feared would talk with eleven rounds from his assault rifle. Brown's capture followed a high-speed chase in Indianapolis. AUSA Brookman's initiative and energy avoided the risks of piecemeal state prosecutions. He crafted a coherent and compelling prosecution that overcame multiple witness and agency issues that resulted when crime scenes are 175 miles apart. Brown was sentenced to five consecutive life sentences plus 20 years for his crimes. His co-defendants received 240 and 420 months imprisonment.

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**John S. Courter and William C. Purdy (Southern District of Iowa)** for their exceptional work in *United States v. Ramona Cunningham, et. al*, and associated cases. Following an intensive grand jury investigation, they successfully prosecuted six defendants in this major public corruption case for misapplication of government funds involving a jobs training program, obstruction of justice, and associated crimes. Sentences for the defendants ranged from 24 – 84 months imprisonment. The combination of Mr. Purdy's background as a tough white collar prosecutor and Mr. Courter's skills as a gifted courtroom advocate, together with their dedication and diligence during this extended investigation, proved to be the perfect combination for bringing these defendants to justice.

**Daniel J. Perry (District of Maine)** for his overall outstanding performance as the Lead OCDETF Attorney in the District of Maine and, in particular, for his successful prosecution of a series of major OCDETF and gang cases in the past three years through his prodigious, innovative and competent handling of numerous substantial narcotics cases. Mr. Perry has been instrumental in the office's efforts to pursue and dismantle drug and drug-related financial organizations that impact the district. His success is due in part to his efforts in pursuing a financial component to all of the office's drug cases, where he has secured the convictions of numerous national and international-level traffickers and has obtained forfeiture judgments totaling in the millions of dollars.

**Debra L. Dwyer and Kwame J. Manley (District of Maryland)** for the investigation and prosecution of "Special," a large scale drug dealing organization that peddled heroin, cocaine and marijuana on the streets of Baltimore and used violence to retaliate against rival drug dealers and eliminate potential witnesses. In a hard fought five week trial, the prosecutors secured multiple life sentences against Melvin Gilbert, the leader of Special, and James "Miami" Dinkins, one of its prime hit men, for the murders and shootings they committed against witnesses and potential cooperators.

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**Christina M. Brown and Crane M. Pomerantz (District of Nevada)** for their work on *United States v. Seldon*, in which they co-chaired a high profile jury trial resulting in guilty verdicts against Dr. Stephen Seldon, a Las Vegas-based plastic surgeon who defrauded his patients by treating them with "TRItox," a cheaper, misbranded, non-FDA approved version of the well-known Botox®, a drug used to reduce facial wrinkles. "TRItox" was sold by Toxin Research International, Inc. (TRI), a small business operated by Chad Livdahl. By misrepresenting to their patients the true nature of the product they were using, Seldon and co-defendant Deborah Seldon (his wife and office manager) enriched themselves while exposing patients to severe health risks. Success at trial required a painstaking but factually compelling paper trail based on inventory records, extrapolation from patient records, and other circumstantial evidence. Dr. and Mrs. Seldon were sentenced to 46 and 30 months imprisonment, respectively.

**Justin W. Arnold (District of New Jersey)** for his the prosecution of Wayne Puff and ten other individuals involved in a massive \$101 million Ponzi scheme and mortgage fraud. As a result of AUSA Arnold's quick synthesis of the interviews of scores of witnesses and thousands of pages of financial records, all eleven defendants, including Puff, pled guilty and have been sentenced. Puff, who orchestrated the shredding of documents and made other attempts to conceal evidence and obstruct justice, received a sentence of 18 years.

**Kimlani Murray Ford (Western District of North Carolina)** for her work on *United States v. Jimmie Grubbs*, which involved the investigation and prosecution of a significant pattern of child molestation and sexual abuse by Jimmie Grubbs, who committed crimes against teenage boys for over three decades. From all outward appearances, Grubbs epitomized the role model for adolescent boys, serving as a teacher, coach, special tutor, youth group leader, and surrogate father. Grubbs used his charisma to ingratiate himself with vulnerable boys and their parents, attending sporting events, providing transportation, tutoring

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those with academic problems, taking them to church, buying them gifts, and paying them to perform menial tasks at school and at his home. Grubbs' actions were merely the cover used to gain access to his victims and to conceal his conduct. As the result of Ms. Ford's skill and tenacity in the investigation, Grubbs received a substantial prison sentence of 20 years imprisonment, which will prevent him from harming any more children during his lifetime.

**John M. Siegel (Northern District of Ohio)** for his work with Trial Attorney Jerrod C. Patterson on two related complex, high-profile cases to defraud the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland of over \$17 million through a phony billing scheme using shell companies by the Diocese's Chief Financial Officer, Joseph Smith, and Assistant Treasurer, Anton Zgoznic. Both defendants were also charged with defrauding the IRS by filing, or assisting in the filing, of false tax returns and obstructing IRS audits by lying to IRS auditors in order to conceal their role in this scheme. After Smith and Zgoznic were severed as defendants, amidst extremely negative publicity unrelated to the case concerning the Diocese, AUSA Siegel and Trial Attorney Patterson convicted Zgoznic of all 15 counts with which he was charged in the indictment. A year later, Smith was tried and convicted on all of his tax-related charges.

**Scott M. Kerin (District of Oregon)** for his outstanding leadership role while serving as the Anti-Gang Coordinator. Mr. Kerin was instrumental in developing and implementing the district's strategic initiative in the investigation and prosecution of organized criminal gang activity for his work in Portland, Indian Country, and a number of suburbs of Portland. He is also involved in a number of large-scale gang investigations and prosecutions, coordinating the Metro Gang Task Force, as well as other agents in their pursuit of both local and internationally-based gangs. Additionally, Mr. Kerin has a history of his long-standing involvement in training and outreach efforts for federal and state law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and community groups.

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**Luke E. Dembosky (Western District of Pennsylvania)** for leading an extensive undercover, Internet-based investigation and successful prosecution of Max Ray Butler, known online as the "Iceman," arguably the most prolific and notorious computer hacker in United States history at the time of indictment in September 2007. Butler possessed more than 1.8 million credit cards, on which were more than \$87 million in fraudulent charges and more than 10,000 United States banks were affected. Butler's 13-year prison sentence was the longest sentence ever imposed on a computer hacker in the United States, and the \$27.5 million restitution award represents the largest restitution award in a computer crime case.

**Julia Diaz-Rex (District of Puerto Rico)** for her role in the 2005 through 2007 investigation, prosecution and conviction of eight doctors for distribution of narcotics, wire fraud and money laundering. The investigation, known as "Operation Click 4 Drugs," targeted an organization which distributed large quantities of Schedule III and Schedule IV controlled substances via the internet. The defendants were charged with 36 counts, including conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, distribution of controlled substances, misbranding of prescription drugs with intent to defraud and mislead, wire fraud, and money laundering. These physicians caused the unlawful dispensing of at least 859,000 dosage units of controlled substances to individuals throughout the United States and making credit card purchases for said substances over the internet without ever being physically examined by these physicians. As a result of the scheme, at least three people died, their deaths caused directly by drugs issued to them by the defendants. The indictment also provided for the forfeiture of their DEA licenses, Puerto Rico Medical Board Licenses, ASSMCA (Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Drugs and Narcotics Control Division) Licenses, bank accounts and some real estate properties.

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**Lisa Snell Rivera (District of Puerto Rico)** for her role, with Special AUSA Guillermo A. Gil-Bonar, in the 2002 through 2005 investigation and prosecution for defrauding the USDA of disaster monies paid to farmers following Hurricane Georges in 1998. These fraudulent loans depleted the National Disaster Relief Fund. Following a seven month jury trial, the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Program Director, a Loan Manager, and an FSA contractor were convicted of conspiracy to defraud the FSA of more than \$13 million, bribery, and multiple counts of fraud related. The trial involved more than eighty witnesses and as many bank accounts. Ms. Rivera was also instrumental in obtaining more than twenty individual felony convictions, including of the former Puerto Rico Secretary of Agriculture who were receiving kickbacks from these fraudulent loans and awards.

**Gary S. Humble (Eastern District of Tennessee)** for the prosecution of Hamilton County Sheriff Billy Long on drug conspiracy, firearms, money laundering, and extortion charges. AUSA Humble obtained an indictment against defendant Long, alleging 28 counts. Long resigned his position as Sheriff shortly after being charged. Long's defense lawyer forcefully attempted to bargain the case down to convictions for offenses which carried no or lesser mandatory minimums. However, AUSA Humble maintained impressive resolve, based on the outstanding evidence obtained from the investigation he directed, and despite his attorney's efforts, Long pled guilty to 27 of 28 counts in the indictment, including a 10-year mandatory minimum offense for the drug charge. Mr. Humble skillfully met all challenges at sentencing and Long was sentenced to 14 years in prison.

**Joseph R. Batte (Eastern District of Texas)** for his work on a series of capital murder prosecutions in the Beaumont Division. Beaumont is home to the Beaumont Federal Prison Complex which includes a United States Penitentiary (USP). Beginning in 1999, the penitentiary was the scene of several inmate-on-inmate murders. In response, the USAO began a series of prosecutions designed to address both the criminal conduct and the bloody lawlessness that had become endemic to the

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Beaumont USP. Because of the nature of the crimes, as well as the background of the defendants, the Attorney General authorized death penalty prosecutions for several of the defendants. Thereafter, AUSA Batte served as lead counsel in four of the five capital prosecutions authorized by the Attorney General. Each trial has been an exhausting exercise; however, AUSA Batte has won guilty verdicts in every case with the jury returning verdicts of death for four of the five defendants.

**Rick Calvert (Northern District of Texas)** for his outstanding leadership, litigation skills, work ethic, organizational talents, and dedication as an AUSA which are exemplified by his ability to bring “Operation Southside” and “Operation Crazywater” to a successful and safe conclusion. These operations were ATF-initiated investigations that began when agents became aware of an organization that was utilizing CRIP gang members and others to sell large quantities of crack cocaine and firearms from apartments, or “traps,” in an area of southern Dallas. In September 2006, 26 members of this organization were charged in a 48-count indictment with a variety of drug and weapons offenses. Three additional defendants were indicted in separate federal indictments, and eight others were charged with state offenses. Ten search warrants were executed which resulted in the seizure of large quantities of crack cocaine, vehicles, cash and 45 firearms. As a result of information obtained in the “Southside” investigation, “Operation Crazy Water” was initiated in 2008. This investigation targeted drug dealers using a “trap” across the street from a public middle school where individuals were selling large quantities of phencyclidine (PCP), marijuana and other drugs. In May 2008, an additional 16 defendants were named in a multi-count federal indictment, and five search warrants executed in June 2008 resulted in the seizure of gallon quantities of PCP, 26 firearms (including seven assault rifles), nine vehicles and \$28 thousand in drug proceeds. Defendants were sentenced to a total of 233 years.

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**Stephen M. McIntyre (Southern District of Texas)** for his outstanding work prosecuting BP Products North America, Inc., for violations of 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act. This case arose out of a March 23, 2005, oil refinery explosion in which 15 contract employees were killed and another 170 employees were injured in a facility outside Houston, Texas. Although 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7) was passed in 1990, in response to the Union Carbide, Bhopal, India, explosion, this was the first time this statute was used in this district. After extensive negotiations with the defendant, and the settlement of several legal issues raised by civil plaintiffs related to victims' rights, Mr. McIntyre negotiated a plea of guilty to a felony charge and a fine of \$50,000,000. This is the largest fine ever assessed under the Clean Air Act against a single corporation and the largest criminal fine imposed for an industrial accident.

**John W. Huber (District of Utah)** for his vigorous and successful prosecutions in the areas of domestic terrorism and violent crime; his leadership of two of the Department's flagship programs: PSN and illegal reentry; and his ongoing and dedicated fight against terrorism as the ATAC Coordinator. Specifically, Mr. Huber successfully prosecuted two soldiers of the Animal Liberation Foundation for their crimes of domestic terrorism and persuaded the district court to depart upward from the guideline range and impose prison terms and a hefty restitution obligation. Mr. Huber also successfully prosecuted four individuals for federal firearms offenses after they assisted an individual in acquiring a revolver and pistol which he used to kill five individuals, seriously injure four others, and then kill himself in a Salt Lake City shopping complex. Finally, Mr. Huber prosecuted a case which established that trading drugs for guns qualifies as a crime under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) within the Tenth Circuit.

**Robert E. Bradenham, II and Laura P. Tayman (Eastern District of Virginia)** for their work on the prosecution of a violent Newport News street gang called the Dump Squad. Responding to a violent crime wave that threatened an entire community, AUSAs Tayman and Bradenham, in conjunction with the FBI Newport News Safe Streets Task Force,

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dismantled a violent, street gang known as the Dump Squad. Members of the Dump Squad robbed other drug dealers, and assaulted and shot at rival gang members who made the mistake of venturing into Dump Squad territory. A witness was murdered when she indicated her willingness to cooperate with law enforcement. By May 2008, the gang was so emboldened that they shot into and then tried to burn down an area police substation. In March 2009, the grand jury returned a 40 count indictment charging 11 gang members with a RICO conspiracy, three different murders, maiming, robbery, arson, assaults, and numerous firearms violations. The conspiracy enumerated 28 different violent crimes in connection with the enterprise. By December 2009, all 11 co-defendants had pled guilty to serious violent crimes and received substantial sentences. After the arrests of the Dump Squad members, crime dropped 44 percent in the former Dump Squad territory.

**SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AS AN  
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY - CIVIL**

**Carla A. Ford and Abraham Meltzer (Central District of California)** for their outstanding work in *United States v. CB&I, Constructors Inc, et.al*, a case brought to recover fire-fighting costs and environmental damages resulting from a forest fire that burned 18,025 acres in the Angeles National Forest. The defendants caused the fire by using a grinder during a welding operation on a hot and windy day, generating a spark that traveled 50 feet into dry brush and started the fire, which rapidly spread and came to be known as the Copper Fire. AUSAs Ford and Melzer did an outstanding job preparing and trying the case, developing a new theory to pursue damages for the intangible environmental harm caused by the massive fire. At the close of the trial, one defendant settled and the second was found liable. The judgment was for \$8.6 million for economic damages and interest and a record \$18.7 million for environmental damages.

**William L. Woodard (Eastern District of Michigan)** for over two decades of superior performance representing federal law enforcement officers in *Bivens* actions. Throughout his career, Mr. Woodard has handled these high-stakes actions, in which plaintiffs seek to impose personal financial liability on federal employees, with signature composure, manifest professionalism, and admirable sense of fair play. In one recent case, Mr. Woodard provided exceptional representation to a Customs and Border Patrol officer who was sued for shooting the plaintiff. When the initial ballistics appeared to support the plaintiff's version of events, Mr. Woodard persevered, demonstrating that a ricochet explained the bullet's path. So convincing was Mr. Woodard's argument that the case ended with a grant of summary judgment for the defendants. More important than any single case, Mr. Woodard's career is based on integrity, honor, and dignity, which have been instrumental in his exceptional successes throughout his career.

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**Catherine M. Mirabile (Eastern District of New York)** for her work as Chief of Employment Discrimination. She is responsible for managing the district's busy employment practice, training AUSAs in the handling of these cases, overseeing large document productions, assessing E-Discovery issues in these cases, reviewing virtually all dispositive motions that are filed in these cases, and supervising trials that arise in this area. Ms. Mirabile also handles other defensive cases, including Federal Tort Claims Act and *Bivens* cases, and she has routinely been called upon to provide supervision and expertise in the handling of all of the office's defensive cases.

**Donald H. Caldwell, Jr. (Western District of North Carolina)** for his work on the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) case which involved the complex, two-year investigation into overpayments of federal healthcare dollars to the State of North Carolina. The investigation uncovered that substantial amounts of DSH funds disbursed by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) had been overpaid to the State between 1997 and 2003 and that those funds were distributed largely to a handful of hospitals within the state. Following completion of the investigation, which involved complex cost accounting issues and voluminous records, Mr. Caldwell successfully negotiated a civil settlement with the State and 51 hospitals, resulting in the payment of \$151.5 million back to CMS. Those specifically identified hospitals were required under the agreement to contribute \$91 million to the settlement fund. The resolution represents perhaps the largest recoupment in North Carolina history and all payments due under the settlement agreement have now been paid in full, with interest.

**Frances C. Trapp (District of South Carolina)** for her superior performance and perseverance which resulted in the settlement of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) case against Oconee County, South Carolina. In 2003, Oconee County constructed a new County Courthouse. As a result of a compliance review, it was determined that this courthouse did not comply with the ADA. The Oconee Courthouse had numerous and significant violations of Title II of the ADA, such as

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inaccessible bathrooms, no wheelchair locations provided within the jury boxes, inadequate handicap parking, no accessible routes to the witness stands in four courtrooms, doors too narrow for wheelchair access, etc. After very long and protracted negotiations, Oconee County and the Department of Justice, Disability Rights Section of the Civil Rights Division, reached an agreement. Oconee County agreed to spend approximately \$2 million bringing their new courthouse into ADA compliance.

**Stacy Gerber Ward (Eastern District of Wisconsin)** for her outstanding work on one of the country's first substandard quality of care cases under the False Claims Act. Harbor Senior Concepts (Harbor) owned a chain of forty assisted living facilities in Wisconsin. Based upon complaints from the Wisconsin Ombudsman's Office, Ms. Ward directed the investigation into the quality of care provided to Medicaid beneficiaries in those facilities. Complaints included that the facilities admitted a significant number of high-needs patients, in particular, a large number of residents with advanced dementia and significant behavioral issues. The evidence revealed numerous documented incidents of physical abuse involving staff and other residents. Harbor was not equipped to provide competent supervision of the residents it was accepting. The upshot of Harbor's practices was that the company was submitting claims to the Medicaid program for services that were, in all significant respects, worthless. Ms. Ward engaged in comprehensive and lengthy settlement discussions which resulted in a favorable settlement for the United States despite Harbor's precarious financial state.

**SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AS AN  
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY - APPELLATE**

**Michael J. Raphael (Central District of California)** for his work on the petition which caused the Ninth Circuit to accept en banc review in *United States v. Nevils*, 570 F.3d 1123 (9th Cir. 2009), in which the appeals court vacated the district court's decision on the standard to be used in evaluating post trial sufficiency of evidence claims. The government won reversal not only of the district court decision, but of several prior panel decisions which had held that interpretations of evidence favorable to the defendant could be considered in evaluating sufficiency of evidence claims. This case has been of major significance to all criminal AUSAs in the Ninth Circuit, and is regarded as a remarkable achievement. Mr. Raphael also obtained an en banc reversal of a panel decision in *United States v. Snellenberger*, 548 F.3d 699 (9th Cir. 2008), an important decision in which the court held that minute entries could be used in determining facts in the modified categorical approach to determine prior convictions. He had yet another significant en banc reversal, over the dissent of the Chief Judge, in *United States v. Seljan*, 547 F.3d 993 (9th Cir. 2008)(en banc), in which the appeals court held that the constitution does not require articulable suspicion to search an outgoing FedEx package at the border.

**David P. Rhodes and Peggy Morris Ronca (Middle District of Florida)** for their extraordinary appellate work in *United States v. Irej*, Appeal No. 08-10997, in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, resulting in an en banc opinion vacating the 17 \_-year sentence the district court had imposed on a repugnant and horrific child abuser and pornographer and ordering the district court to impose the statutory maximum sentence of 30 years' imprisonment. Facing an imposing, abuse-of-discretion standard of review, AUSA Rhodes wrote an exceptionally compelling brief, which AUSA Ronca reviewed, explaining the critical role of the appellate courts in review of the reasonableness of sentences imposed by the district courts. He convinced

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the en banc court that the only reasonable sentence was the statutory maximum term, and obtained a published, en banc opinion of unprecedented result and exceptionally important scope.

**Elizabeth A. Olson (District of Nevada)** for her exemplary appellate work in which she drafts appellate and post-conviction briefs, argues cases in the Ninth Circuit and the District Courts, consults on litigation issues, and provides training to AUSAs and law enforcement personnel. This year AUSA Olson briefed and argued numerous winning appeals, two of which resulted in published Ninth Circuit opinions that preserved convictions and sentences in Project Safe Childhood cases brought by the Reno office. In one of these cases, *United States v. Borowy*, 595 F.3d 1045 (9th Cir. 2010), the court made a ruling that will enable USAOs in the Ninth Circuit to summarily dispose of claims that non-prejudicial misinformation provided to defendants during change-of-plea hearings requires a court to vacate the conviction. The decision placed the Ninth Circuit on the Government's side of a split of authority between the First and Eighth Circuits.

**Glenn J. Moramarco (District of New Jersey)** for his outstanding appellate advocacy in upholding the convictions of six animal rights activists and an organization that terrorized numerous victims throughout the country while claiming First Amendment protection. As the first prosecution under the Animal Enterprise Protection Act (AEPA), which Congress enacted to protect facilities engaged in government-required animal testing from domestic terror threats, the appeal raised difficult and novel issues of First Amendment jurisprudence and statutory construction. Mr. Moramarco responded to more than 500 pages of defense briefing, including amici briefs from three national civil liberties organizations, raising every conceivable challenge to the convictions and seeking to invalidate AEPA. Mr. Moramarco extensively researched the legislative and constitutional issues, crafted a masterful brief that persuasively framed the legal issues from the perspective of the terrorized victims, and engaged in brilliant oral advocacy before the Court of Appeals, which resulted in an important precedential victory.

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**Richard C. Williams (District of New Mexico)** for his exceptional appellate advocacy in the prosecution of two defendants charged with the jailhouse murder of a federal informant. Mr. Williams, in interlocutory appeals, challenged the trial court's exclusion of defendant Glenn Cook's recorded jailhouse confession to an informant in both Cook's case and the case against co-defendant Paul Smalls. Mr. Williams' tenacious advocacy resulted in two appellate victories. In *United States v. Cook*, 599 F.3d 1208 (10th Cir. 2010), the Court held that a jailhouse confession to an informant is not the product of custodial interrogation and does not implicate a suspect's Fifth Amendment rights. In *United States v. Smalls*, 605 F.3d 765 (10th Cir. 2010), the Court held that Cook's jailhouse statement was non-testimonial hearsay outside the purview of the Confrontation Clause and was thus admissible against Cook's co-defendant as a statement against the declarant's penal interest.

**Antoinette T. Bacon and Laura M. Ford (Northern District of Ohio)** for outstanding appellate litigation in *United States v. Lay*, F.3d, 2010 WL 2757123 (6th Cir. 2010), a securities investment advisor fraud and mail/wire fraud case involving a loss to the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (OWBC) of \$212 million. On appeal, AUSAs Bacon and Ford successfully defended against a challenge to Lay's conviction under Title 15, U.S.C., §80b-6, which was based on *Goldstein v. SEC*, 451 F.3d 873 (D.C. Cir. 2006), that a hedge fund advisor/manager can never be in a client relationship with an investor, even where the client (the OBWC) was the sole investor and used the hedge fund as part of a single, integrated investment strategy managed by defendant Lay, the investment advisor. AUSAs Bacon and Ford also preserved mail fraud convictions against a sufficiency challenge and prevailed on evidentiary, forfeiture and restitution issues.

## **SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE BY A LITIGATIVE TEAM**

**Steven E. Skrocki, Stephen Cooper, Traci D. Ross, and Danielle M. Newberry (District of Alaska); Richard E. Burns (Capital Case Unit, Criminal Division); Jolene A. Goeden, Michael A. Thoreson, Susan L. Cusack, and Anne E. Darr (Federal Bureau of Investigation); and Pamela L. Perrenoud and Timothy E. Landeis (Anchorage Police Department)** for distinguished service in the case of *United States v. Joshua Wade* for their investigative and prosecutorial skill in securing life sentences for the brutal murders of two Anchorage women in 2000 and 2007. In achieving this result, the team prosecuted both murders simultaneously over a span of two and one-half years which included re-opening for investigation the decade-old murder of an Alaska Native woman brutally raped and killed by Wade in 2000. Although Wade, a convicted felon, was tried and acquitted of this murder in 2002, the team's unrelenting dedication and teamwork resulted in Wade admitting to both murders and pleading guilty simultaneously in both state and federal court for which he received a sentence of two life terms imprisonment. The team's exhaustive efforts, cooperation and unending commitment to the victims of Wade's crimes, the Alaska Native community, brought an end to Wade's notorious and decade long odyssey of violence and murder.

**Gregory W. Staples and Ivy A. Wang (Central District of California); and Kevin Moberly, Thomas Grandmain, and James E. Gaylord (Federal Bureau of Investigation)** for their outstanding work in the successful investigation and prosecution of Dongfan "Greg" Chung in a first ever economic espionage trial under 18 U.S.C. § 1831, which makes it a crime to engage in economic espionage to benefit a foreign government. For 30 years Chung collected and passed to the People's Republic of China information relating to some of the United States most important aerospace technologies and programs. Through the efforts of these individuals, one of the most prolific spies in years has been convicted and sentenced to 16 years in prison. In imposing the sentence, the judge said he wanted to send a signal to China to "stop sending your spies here." Chung, 73, will likely serve the rest of his life in prison, and do no further harm.

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**G. Michael Harvey (District of Columbia); Clifford I. Rones (National Security Division), Matthew S. Rader and Brett N. Sensenig (Federal Bureau of Investigation); and Ethan Andreas (National Security Agency)** for their outstanding work in the prosecution of Walter Kendall Myers and Gwendolyn Myers, a married couple who spied for Cuba for 30 years. Agents Rader and Sensenig developed and executed a daring “false flag” operation and then secured key admissions following arrest, while Agent Andreas analyzed and synthesized the complex forensic data proving the acts of espionage. Prosecutors Harvey and Rones coordinated extensively with the intelligence community and meticulously amassed a case. Together, their tireless efforts resulted in guilty pleas by both defendants, a life sentence for the husband, an 81-month sentence for the wife, and the forfeiture of \$1.7 million, representing every penny the husband had made during his career at the State Department.

**Patrick C. Pope, Victoria J. Peters, Christopher P. Hotaling, and Meghan C. Morrissey (Northern District of Illinois); Timothy R. Wilson and Mark Anton (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives); Jody Gleason (Kane County State’s Attorney’s Office); Jack Blakey (Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office); and Gregory Spayth (Aurora Police Department)** for their outstanding work in convicting fifteen Insane Deuces gang members of RICO charges. The team did an outstanding job of developing witnesses who were willing to risk their lives to testify against their fellow gang members, handling protracted pre-trial litigation involving over twenty-two defense attorneys, and convicting fourteen of the defendants following three separate, multi-month trials, in which the team proved a twelve-year racketeering conspiracy involving four murders, eighteen attempted murders, two conspiracies to commit murder, a drug conspiracy, eight separate drug transactions, twelve search warrants, and twenty-one gun recoveries through hours of recorded meetings and over 130 witnesses. Eight of the defendants received life sentences, one was sentenced to 40 years imprisonment, four were sentenced to 20 years imprisonment and the cooperating defendant received 16.25 years imprisonment.

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**Alexander C. Van Hook and William J. Flanagan (Western District of Louisiana); and James T. Coleman (Federal Bureau of Investigation)** for the outstanding investigation and prosecution of Michael Walker and Vernon Claville for racketeering. Walker and Claville were Louisiana state court judges who accepted cash bribes in exchange for official actions such as setting or reducing bonds, recalling arrest warrants, and releasing probation or juvenile court holds. Walker's position as the presiding judge over all drug arrests in Caddo Parish, Louisiana created both a demoralizing environment for local law enforcement agents and an ineffective and corrupt narcotics enforcement program. The nine month investigation code-named "Broken Gavel," and the two week trial involving numerous legal challenges and evidentiary issues, ended with a guilty verdict and led to a restored sense of honesty and integrity in the state judicial system.

**Shana W. Chen, Nancy Hoppock, and Camille R. Capaccio (District of New Jersey); Ronald C. Conyers, Joseph D. Salavarría, Angelo L. Valentino, and Rosario Amorim (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement)** for their outstanding investigation and prosecution of Akouavi Kpade Afolabi and co-conspirators for human trafficking, alien smuggling, and visa fraud in the District's most significant human trafficking case to date. Over five years, defendants obtained the forced labor of two dozen African girls, ranging from 10 to 19 years old. Through physical beatings, threats of voodoo curses, shame, and isolation, defendants forced the victims to work without pay seven days per week, for 10 to 14 hours each day. Many of the victims were subjected to repeated sexual abuse. The team did a superior job working with severely traumatized victim-witnesses and investigating the case, resulting in three pleas, the convictions of two defendants in separate jury trials, and over \$3.9 million in restitution.

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**Greg D. Andres, Andrew E. Goldsmith, Jeffrey H. Knox, Marshall L. Miller and John J. Mazzella (Eastern District of New York); Jason M. Goodman, William P. Hyland, Julie B. Joyce, Jack A. Jupin, Steven A. Medeiros, James J. Tareco (Federal Bureau of Investigation); and James Gannon (Morris County (NJ) Prosecutor's Office)** for the successful decade-long investigation and conviction of 12 operatives of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam ("LTTE") for providing, and attempting and conspiring to provide material support through fund raising and weapons procurement, conspiring to bribe State Department officials to remove the LTTE from the list of foreign terrorist organizations and immigration officials to smuggle aliens into the United States, and conspiring and attempting to purchase approximately \$1 million worth of guided anti-aircraft missiles and other high-tech weaponry for the LTTE terrorist organization. Through the team's outstanding efforts, the LTTE was prevented from procuring deadly weaponry in the United States, its North American operations were dismantled, its fundraising arms were designated as terrorist fronts, and its leader in North America and its lead arms-trafficker were brought to justice. LTTE operatives Sarachandran, Thanigasalam, Sabaratnam and Yogarasa were sentenced to 26, 25, 25, and 14 years in prison, respectively.

**David S. Jones, Matthew L. Schwartz, Joseph N. Cordaro, and Natalie N. Kuehler (Southern District of New York)** for their extraordinary representation of the Treasury Department and the Presidential Task Force on the Auto Industry in the historic bankruptcy of General Motors (GM). In the days leading up to GM's bankruptcy filing and throughout the first weeks of its bankruptcy, the team was responsible for negotiating and securing court approval of \$33.3 billion in Treasury-provided financing to keep GM afloat; expediting discovery including millions of documents and defending the depositions of key Treasury employees; and ultimately representing the Government's interests in a trial before the bankruptcy court involving novel legal issues and a virtually unprecedented use of the Bankruptcy Code. The AUSAs then

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fought off numerous attempts by objectors to stay or appeal the court's order approving the sale of GM's assets to a Treasury-sponsored entity, resulting ultimately in the creation of "New GM."

**Michael L. Levy and Kenya Mann Faulkner (Eastern District of Pennsylvania); Megan K. DiPatri, William J. Flanagan, Susan Shriner, Marie Martinez, and Kathryn Murray (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement); James Krieger (Federal Bureau of Investigation); Cameron Burks (State Department) and Robert H. Gerardi (Criminal Division)** for their work in the investigation, trial, sentencing, and appeal in the sex tourism prosecution of Anthony Mark Bianchi, a wealthy American who traveled abroad where he molested young, teenage boys. The investigation began with the discovery of a single piece of paper with a victim's name and telephone number and led to two countries, and resulted in a three week trial in which nine teenage victims traveled to the United States to testify, along with several adults. Bianchi was convicted and sentenced to 25 years in prison.

**Virginia A. Gibson, Colin M. Cherico, and Denis Cooke (Eastern District of Pennsylvania); Patricia Hanower (Civil Division); Brian Rudolph and Edward T. McCusker (Food and Drug Administration); and Mary Riordan and Keshia Thompson (Department of Health and Human Services)** for their outstanding work in reaching the \$520 million civil settlement with pharmaceutical company Astra Zeneca (AZ) for their illegal marketing of the anti-psychotic drug Seroquel for "off label" uses, which are uses not approved as safe and effective by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This is the largest civil only False Claims Act settlement ever achieved by the Department. This team is recognized for its extraordinary work in assembling and assessing prescription claims data of the Medicaid programs of all 50 states and other federally-funded health care programs; reviewing millions of company and third party documents to determine the manner of the improper marketing; interviewing witnesses nationwide to determine the breadth of the improper marketing and payment of kickbacks associated with that marketing; and consulting

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with numerous experts regarding AZ's use of ghost writers to create medical literature to support the improper, off label uses. The case resulted in \$301,907,007 being paid to the federal government and the federally-funded health care programs administered by Health and Human Services, Office of Personnel Management, Tricare, Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense. Additionally, State Medicaid programs were paid \$218,092,993.

**David Zuercher, Jeremy R. Jehangiri, and James Flanigan (District of South Dakota); Daniel Reisig (Federal Bureau of Investigation); and Anthony Hoben (Department of the Interior, Office of Inspector General)** for their outstanding efforts in the Crow Creek Reservation fraud and corruption prosecutions. This gifted group of investigators and prosecutors combined their unique and diverse talents to overcome numerous investigative and legal obstacles in an investigation that uncovered a culture of graft and corruption on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation in central South Dakota. Through their efforts, six tribal officials were convicted of corruption and witness retaliation charges and five contractors and one architect were convicted of bribery-related offenses. Their accomplishments were praised by tribal members for bringing a “measure of justice” to the Reservation.

**SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE IN A  
LITIGATIVE SUPPORT ROLE**

**Mary G. Hammond (District of Maryland)** for her instrumental role in securing hundreds of millions of dollars in Affirmative Civil Enforcement recoveries and settlements for the United States Treasury. In case after case, Ms. Hammond has crafted comprehensive and airtight damages models that convincingly support the settlement demands advanced by the United States. The thoroughness and integrity of her analyses have consistently withstood challenges from other experts and opposing counsel and her work has invariably earned the respect of judges, juries, investigative agencies and attorneys throughout the Department.

**John E. Marsh (Middle District of Pennsylvania)** for his skillful work over the past several years as an Intelligence Specialist during periods of unparalleled change and transition. As a result of his hard work and unrivaled depth and breadth of experience, the office has attained a high level of effectiveness both within our district and beyond our borders in the battle against terrorism. In addition to these demanding responsibilities, he has served as the District's Law Enforcement Coordinator for the past two years due to a vacancy in that position and as a result, becoming a regional leader in law enforcement coordination, intelligence sharing, and training.

**Rebecca W. Smith (Eastern District of Texas)** for her work as a Victim-Witness Coordinator for the past 20 years. During her tenure, Ms. Smith has been called upon to assist with the investigation and prosecution many complex and noteworthy cases. Some of the highlights include the Zacarias Moussaoui prosecution in the Eastern District of Virginia, where she was detailed to assist that VWC with the over 5,000 victims and witnesses associated with that case; the James Byrd, Jr. case, a joint federal-state case on the dragging death of Mr. Byrd; *United States v. Wooten, et al.*, a complex OCDETF RICO/murder case with 99 witnesses; *United States v. Allen Petty, Jr.*, a fraudulent telemarketing

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Ponzi scheme with 50 witnesses and 2,500 victims; and *United States v. Solis*, the Plano heroin case, which had 35 witness at the grand jury and 80 witnesses at the trial. Ms. Smith is also actively involved in victim and witness support for the violent crimes cases in the district. She is involved in outreach and is considered a resource for her peers throughout the State of Texas and the country.

**Aimee B. Stearns (District of Vermont)** for her exemplary work for the past 10 years as the Victim-Witness Coordinator. Ms. Stearns has repeatedly demonstrated outstanding work as an ambassador for the office on victim services issues in at least three regards. First, she has conceived, written, and produced several important victim publications, including the Vermont Victim Services Resource Directory and the Passport to Safer Travel. Second, she has organized and managed several important Vermont victim services initiatives, including the Vermont Victims Memorial Garden and multiple “summits” at the Vermont Statehouse focusing on priority issues such as opiate addiction and child internet safety. Third, she has provided exceptional victim services in highly complex cases, including two death penalty cases, a long-term fraud investigation and prosecution involving thousands of victims, and difficult child exploitation cases.

## **SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE IN ADMINISTRATION**

**Marilyn J. Ferguson (District of Colorado)** for her success as the Administrative Officer in creatively designing innovative procedures and systems that have dramatically improved the services provided by her division, increased the transparency of the budgeting process, and saved the office thousands of dollars. Ms. Ferguson has crafted new procedures and spreadsheets that enable better tracking and faster processing of many budget items, including invoices, supplies, and travel reimbursements. She has motivated her staff and trained them in new skills so they can assist each other. She has been an extraordinarily hardworking and service-oriented manager, handling the responsibilities of both the Administrative Officer and Human Resources Officer for a 150-employee office. She also helps other districts by assisting on human resources issues, creating new templates used by other offices, and serving as a regular EARS evaluator.

**Mary Kay Benavente (Executive Office for United States Attorneys)** for her exemplary handling of the Detailee Program for EOUSA and the USAOs. This critical program, which Ms. Benavente has handled outstandingly for the past six years, is staggering in its volume and complexity. Ms. Benavente routinely oversaw as many as 200 detailees, on detail to myriad assignments, to include the Office of the Attorney General, Department components, the White House, the State Department, the Regimes Crimes Liaison Office, and OPDAT. Despite the frequent shortage of even clerical assistance, Ms. Benavente ensured that detail processing, to include MOUs, reimbursed expenses, tax liabilities, travel advances/expenses, and relocation expenses, was timely, accurate, and responsive to the detailees and their offices.

**Karen A. Dube (District of Maine)** for her work the past decade in the field of Information Technology for both her office and the entire United States Attorney community. Her innovative approach to the use of technology has dramatically increased the effectiveness and efficiency of

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information technology operations across the country. Ms. Dube is recognized as one of the leading information technology specialists in the USAO community and is often solicited by EOUSA for her input on case management issues and the creation of specialized reports. Her concepts and original use of technology have had nationwide impact. Her skills and tenacity result in accomplishments that most find impossible. She brings boundless energy, creativity and compassion to her job while gracefully dealing with the countless demands of user support and system operations.

**SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE BY AN  
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM**

**Dianne L. Dziuk, Linda A. Dickson, Cheryl A. Farless (Western District of Texas)** teamed together to establish a district outreach program—the United States Attorney’s HEROES (Helping Employ Relatives and Offering Experience to Soldiers) Program. This program has two parts. First, it provides part-time job opportunities to family members of our Wounded Warriors. Second, it offers training to the Wounded Warriors in an effort to assist them in finding meaningful jobs in the civilian sector once released from military service. This program has provided outstanding, dedicated employees committed to the mission of the USAO. It has given family members a job opportunity that allows them to work and take care of their warrior. An unexpected reward of this program is the heartfelt appreciation and gratitude continually heard from the Wounded Warriors who have recognized the impact that their injury has had on their family and the support this program provides.

## **SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE IN INDIAN COUNTRY**

**John Joseph Tuchi, Marnie Hodahkwen, Sharon K. Sexton, Joseph J. Lodge, Shelley K.G. Clemens, and Nicole Savel (District of Arizona)** for developing a successful Indian Country Public Safety program. This team designed, rolled out, and aggressively promoted a program focused on constant communication with tribal law enforcement officials and leaders; frequent and regular AUSA presence in Indian Country; a quick and timely response to all requests from tribal officials for help and information; regular training of tribal law enforcement and tribal prosecutors; and continuous systemic reviews of how the USAO and other partner federal agencies provide law enforcement services to the tribal communities. Through this program and its philosophy that the best ideas about what tribal communities need come from listening to the communities themselves, the USAO has developed several successful initiatives this year, including joint federal-tribal investigations into drug distribution organizations on four different reservations that have yielded over 50 indictments so far.