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Ismail Ramsey

United States Attorney for the Northern District of California || Upholding the Rule of Law, Keeping Our Communities Safe, and Protecting Civil Rights

San Francisco, California, United States

Summary

Ismail (Izzy) Ramsey is the 53rd United States Attorney for the Northern District of California, the region's chief federal law-enforcement officer. Nominated by President Joe Biden, Mr. Ramsey, with bipartisan support, was confirmed by the United States Senate by voice vote. He took the oath of office on March 21, 2023.

Nearly nine-million people—including 33 federally recognized Native American tribes—live, work, and raise their families in the Northern District of California. The district comprises 15 counties—with more than 450 miles of Pacific coastline. It encompasses three major metropolitan areas—San Francisco, Oakland, and San Jose. It spans a variety of suburban and rural areas—including the coastal enclaves of Mendocino, Carmel, and Big Sur and the agricultural communities of Napa Valley, Sonoma Valley, and Monterey. It features two national parks—Redwood and Pinnacles—as well as Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area. And it is home to more than 300 public companies located in the technology and innovation capital of the world—Silicon Valley.

To uphold the rule of law and ensure public safety, the 130 lawyers and more-than-a-hundred support staff who work in the United States Attorney's Office prosecute criminal violations of federal law, including securities, mail, and wire fraud, public corruption, civil rights violations, economic espionage, domestic and international terrorism, organized crime, drug trafficking, money laundering, racketeering, gun trafficking, cybercrime, trade secret theft, Endangered Species Act violations, environmental pollution, and tax evasion. To empower crime victims, they enforce judicial victim-restitution orders. And, to protect the public treasury, they defend all civil lawsuits brought against the federal government and litigate actions to collect judgments on behalf of taxpayers.

Experience

U.S. Department of Justice
United States Attorney, Northern District of California
March 2023 - Present (7 months)
San Francisco, California, United States

University of California, Berkeley - School of Law
Adjunct Professor
August 2016 - March 2023 (6 years 8 months)
San Francisco Bay Area

Seminar -- "White Collar Crime"

Stanford Law School
Faculty, Trial Advocacy Workshop
September 2011 - March 2023 (11 years 7 months)
San Francisco Bay Area

RAMSEY & EHRLICH LLP
Founding Partner
January 2006 - March 2023 (17 years 3 months)
San Francisco Bay Area

Criminal Defense and Complex Civil Litigation

Keker & Van Nest LLP
Attorney
October 2003 - November 2005 (2 years 2 months)

United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of California
Assistant United States Attorney
June 1999 - September 2003 (4 years 4 months)
San Francisco Bay Area

White Collar Crime Unit; Computer Hacking & Intellectual Property Unit

Keker & Van Nest LLP
Attorney
August 1997 - June 1999 (1 year 11 months)
San Francisco Bay Area

United States Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit -- Chief Judge
Harry Edwards
Judicial Law Clerk
July 1996 - July 1997 (1 year 1 month)

United States Air Force
First Lieutenant
August 1989 - August 1992 (3 years 1 month)

Education

Harvard Law School
Doctor of Law - JD · (1996)

University of California, Berkeley, Haas School of Business
Master of Business Administration - MBA · (1996)

Harvard University
Bachelor of Arts - BA, Government · (1989)