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Matt Axelrod

Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement at the United States
Department of Commerce
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Experience

Bureau of Industry and Security-U.S. Department of Commerce
Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement
December 2021 - Present (1 year 9 months)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Lead an organization of 200 federal agents, analysts, and support personnel dedicated to the enforcement of our country's export control laws. Protect and promote U.S. national security and foreign policy objectives by stopping exports of sensitive goods and technologies that can be put to malign purposes like weapons-of-mass-destruction proliferation, military and military-intelligence applications, terrorism, and human rights abuses. Co-lead of the Disruptive Technology Strike Force. Presidentially appointed and unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate.

U.S. Department of Justice
Senior Counselor
November 2021 - December 2021 (2 months)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Served as senior advisor to the Acting Deputy Attorney General on variety of high-priority matters.

The White House
Special Counsel
July 2021 - November 2021 (5 months)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Provided legal support to the White House on both domestic and national security matters.

U.S. Department of Justice
Senior Counselor
January 2021 - July 2021 (7 months)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Served as principal advisor to the Acting Deputy Attorney General and as member of DOJ's senior leadership team. Member of Day One beachhead team. Assisted in standing up DOJ for the new administration.

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Business Crime & Investigations Partner

March 2017 - January 2021 (3 years 11 months)

Washington, District Of Columbia

Partner in the firm's Dispute Resolution practice, focusing on internal investigations and the defense of financial institutions, corporations, and executives who are under investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), or other enforcement agencies. Handled investigations concerning the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), Bank Secrecy Act (BSA), money laundering, securities fraud, sanctions, and other enforcement areas. Applied the insight, judgment, and experience gained from thirteen years at DOJ -- from in-the-trenches prosecutor to senior official overseeing all DOJ operations -- to help clients navigate through situations that could threaten their business or their liberty.

U.S. Department of Justice

Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General

February 2015 - January 2017 (2 years)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Served as one of DOJ's highest ranking officials and member of DOJ's senior leadership team in a role described in the New York Times "as the most demanding job in all of DOJ, including managing many of the department's most vexing and sensitive matters." Worked alongside the Deputy Attorney General in managing DOJ's 113,000 employees including all of DOJ's prosecutors and law enforcement agents. Provided oversight of all major Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, Bank Secrecy Act, money laundering, health care fraud, and other white-collar cases and policy directives. Played key role in crisis management. Worked closely with the White House, Congress, and FBI on numerous sensitive and high-profile matters. Directly supervised office of twenty-five lawyers.

Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC

Partner

January 2014 - February 2015 (1 year 2 months)

Represented class plaintiffs in antitrust and consumer class actions.
Represented individual plaintiffs in international human rights and terrorism cases. Served as one of the firm's senior trial lawyers.

U.S. Department of Justice

4 years 5 months

Associate Deputy Attorney General

March 2011 - December 2013 (2 years 10 months)

Managed significant criminal matters and policies throughout DOJ on behalf of the Deputy Attorney General. Helped oversee operations, policies, and criminal investigations of the Criminal Division, United States Attorneys' Offices, Tax Division, ATF, and FBI. Advised the Deputy Attorney General and Attorney General on prosecution and resolution of DOJ's most significant white collar criminal matters and False Claims Act investigations. Managed DOJ's health care fraud efforts and interagency partnership with HHS. Briefed congressional staff on DOJ's corporate charging policies, criminal discovery practices, healthcare fraud work, FCPA enforcement, and oversight issues.

Senior Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division

August 2009 - March 2011 (1 year 8 months)

Advised Assistant Attorney General on significant case and policy-related matters, with particular focus on public corruption, Bank Secrecy Act and money laundering violations, and FCPA enforcement. Oversaw prosecutors working on sensitive public corruption investigations and Bank Secrecy Act investigations involving financial institutions. Led development of Criminal Division's new discovery and charging policies.

United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida

Assistant U.S. Attorney

August 2003 - August 2009 (6 years 1 month)

Miami, Florida

Conducted public corruption prosecutions in office's Public Integrity/National Security Section after working in Major Crimes, Narcotics, and Appellate Sections. Conducted nineteen felony jury trials in United States District Court. Argued three appeals before the Eleventh Circuit. Significant cases included: 2009 six-week trial of a celebrity racecar driver on tax evasion charges; 2007 conviction of the Sheriff of Broward County for fraud and tax evasion; 2006 conviction of two Florida International University professors for being covert Cuban agents; and 2006 conviction of the two founders and highest ranking

members of the Cali Cartel for conspiracy to distribute over 200,000 tons of cocaine.

Donnelly, Conroy & Gelhaar

Associate

January 2003 - August 2003 (8 months)

Boston, Massachusetts

Represented businesses and individuals in complex commercial litigation and white collar criminal matters. Represented FBI agent in suit brought by estate of murdered informant.

Hill & Barlow

Associate

1999 - 2002 (3 years)

Boston, Massachusetts

Handled significant litigation matters involving businesses, public agencies, and public officials. Represented over fifty criminal defendants pro bono in Boston Municipal Court.

The Honorable Janet C. Hall, United States District Court for the District of Connecticut

Law Clerk

1998 - 1999 (1 year)

Bridgeport, Connecticut

The Honorable Ralph K. Winter, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Law Clerk

1997 - 1998 (1 year)

New Haven, Connecticut

Education

Yale Law School

JD, Law · (1994 - 1997)

Amherst College

· (1989 - 1992)