

The Honorable Robert P. Storch

Department of Defense Inspector General



On December 6, 2022, the Honorable Robert P. Storch assumed his duties as the Department of Defense Inspector General (DoD IG). Mr. Storch is the first Presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed DoD IG in nearly seven years.

Prior to coming on board as the DoD IG, Mr. Storch served for close to five years as the first Presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed IG for the National Security Agency/Central Security Service (NSA), where he worked to enhance the impact, independence, and transparency of the office's work. He also spent several years at the Department of Justice (DOJ) OIG, where he served as the Deputy IG and as the DOJ OIG's first Whistleblower Ombudsperson, leading efforts related to whistleblower rights and protections that he continued to emphasize at NSA OIG.

Prior to joining the IG community, Mr. Storch was a DOJ prosecutor for over two dozen years, working on a variety of cases focusing most heavily on public corruption, civil rights, and white-collar crimes. He served most recently as Deputy Criminal Chief and Counsel to the United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York (NDNY), where he was an Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) for over 17 years. During his time at the U.S. Attorney's Office in the NDNY, Mr. Storch held a variety of other positions, including serving as the District's initial Anti-Terrorism Coordinator from September 2001 through March 2003, as Appellate Chief and Senior Litigation Counsel from January 2004 through September 2005, and as Civil Rights and Hate Crimes Coordinator from 1995 to 2002. He also served at various times as District Ethics Advisor, Financial Fraud Coordinator, Election Officer, Bankruptcy Fraud Coordinator, and Public Information Officer.

Mr. Storch received his undergraduate degree from Harvard, graduating *magna cum laude* in 1982, and obtained his law degree from Columbia as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar in 1985. After graduation, he served as a law clerk to U.S. District Judge William D. Keller in Los Angeles, California, and then worked for the law firm of Covington and Burling in Washington, D.C. before becoming an AUSA in his hometown of Jacksonville, Florida in May 1987. In 1990, he transferred to the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division in Washington, D.C. and then moved to Albany in 1994, where he worked at the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck and King before returning to the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1995. He received a number of commendations and awards as a prosecutor, including from the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division and two case-related commendations from the Director of the FBI.

Mr. Storch has traveled extensively for DOJ and the FBI on a variety of anti-corruption and other programs. From December 2007 through December 2009, he was posted on detail to Ukraine as a Resident Legal Advisor working to help develop measures to address official corruption. He returned to Kyiv in 2014 to assist in the development of legislation that was adopted in October of that year and calls for the establishment of a new anti-corruption regime, and again on several occasions in 2015 to serve as an advisor to the U.S. Embassy on other anti-corruption initiatives.