



Michael B. Mukasey

Michael B. Mukasey served as the 81st Attorney General of the United States, the nation's chief law enforcement officer, from November 2007 to January 2009. During that time, he oversaw the U.S. Justice Department and advised on critical issues of domestic and international law. From 1988 to 2006, he served as a district judge in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, becoming chief judge in 2000. While on the bench, he handled numerous cases, including the trial of Omar Abdel Rahman, the so-called "blind sheikh," and others, convicted of a wide-ranging conspiracy that included the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center and a later plot to blow up New York landmarks; and the case of Jose Padilla, arrested on a material witness warrant and believed to have returned to the United States to commit terrorist acts. Judge Mukasey is currently in private practice in New York City.