John Roth - Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security



The U.S. Senate on March 6, 2014 confirmed the nomination of John Roth to be Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. Roth, who most recently served as Director of the Office of Criminal Investigations at the Food and Drug Administration, was nominated to lead the DHS Office of Inspector General by President Barack Obama.

Prior to his move to the FDA in June 2012, Mr. Roth had a 25-year career as a federal prosecutor and senior leader in the Department of Justice. He began his career in 1987 as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. From 1994 to 1999, he was Chief of the Narcotics Section at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida.

From 1999 to 2004, Mr. Roth served as Section Chief at DOJ's Criminal Division for the Narcotic and Dangerous Drugs Section and the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section. During that time, he served on a detail as Senior Counsel and Team Leader for the congressionally chartered 9/11 Commission and helped to write a well-regarded monograph on terrorist financing, and assisted in completing the Commission's final report.

In 2004, Mr. Roth became the chief of the Fraud and Public Corruption section at the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Columbia, supervising a staff of prosecutors investigating fraud and public corruption cases. In 2007, he served as Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division and became chief of staff to the Deputy Attorney General in 2008.

Mr. Roth culminated his DOJ career as the department's lead representative on the Financial Action Task Force in Paris, France, an intergovernmental organization fighting against money laundering and terrorist financing.

Mr. Roth earned a B.A. and a law degree from Wayne State University in Detroit.