



Louis J. Milione
Principal Deputy Administrator

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Louis J. Milione was appointed as DEA Principal Deputy Administrator on August 1, 2021. Mr. Milione is the number two official at DEA, leading an agency of more than 10,000 public servants—including nearly 5,000 Special Agents and 800 Intelligence Analysts—who work in 239 offices across the United States and 91 foreign offices located in 69 countries.

Mr. Milione has served for more than 20 years with the DEA. Mr. Milione began his DEA career in 1997 as a Special Agent in New York City, and has received awards throughout his career including the Service to America Justice and Law Enforcement Medal (SAMMIE) for the Viktor Bout investigation; the National Association of Police “Top Cop” award, and the Anti-Defamation League Leon and Marilyn Klinghoffer Memorial Award for the Monzer Al Kassar investigation.

Mr. Milione eventually served as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of DEA’s Bilateral Investigations Unit (BIU), which is part of DEA’s Special Operations Division. In this role, Mr. Milione planned and executed high risk investigations involving multi-tiered criminal networks, high-level transnational criminals, and corrupt foreign officials. For more than a decade, from his selection as a founding member of the BIU in 2002, through his promotion to, and tenure as ASAC, Mr. Milione and his teams operated throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America, Central America, and Europe, spearheading some of the Justice Department’s most sensitive and significant criminal investigations.

Mr. Milione also led the DEA’s Diversion Control Division as Assistant Administrator, regulating more than 1.65 million DEA registrants across the entire pharmaceutical supply chain and spearheading DEA’s domestic and international efforts to prevent, detect and investigate the diversion of pharmaceutical controlled substances.

A graduate of Villanova University and the Rutgers School of Law, Mr. Milione is a recognized expert on a broad range of issues, including transnational illicit networks, the diversion of pharmaceutical controlled substances, narco-terrorism, America’s opioid epidemic and the threat of synthetic drugs. He is featured in Elaine Shannon’s book, “Hunting Leroux,” and has appeared on 60 Minutes, Vice-HBO, Dr. Oz, and other national media outlets to discuss DEA’s critical work.