

Robert P. Storch

Robert P. Storch is the Deputy Inspector General at the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (OIG). He joined the OIG in July 2012 as Counselor to the IG, and then served as Senior Counsel to the IG before being selected as Acting Deputy IG in October 2014 and as Deputy IG in March 2015. He also has served as the OIG's Whistleblower Ombudsperson since 2012, helping to establish and direct a program that has been widely recognized as a leader in the field, and he organized and chairs the periodic meetings of the CIGIE Whistleblower Ombudsmen Working Group.

Prior to coming to the OIG, 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.