

James M. Trusty

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Professional Experience:

U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Washington, D.C.

Chief, Organized Crime & Gang Section, 2011 - present;

Acting Chief, Gang Unit, 2010-2011;

Deputy Chief, Gang Unit, 2009-2010

- Supervise and mentor trial attorneys responsible for investigating and prosecuting regional, national, and international gang cases, traditional organized crime matters, and international organized crime. Supervision includes providing tactical and strategic management of complex investigations, review of significant investigative and litigation pleadings, and direct guidance and mooted of litigants before every trial.
- Supervise RICO review unit, which serves as Criminal Division's authority on racketeering charging decisions and instruments.
- Establish, promulgate, and defend/discuss policy positions on wide-ranging subjects such as immigration reform, firearms trafficking, proposed Congressional testimony for DOJ officials, and internet gambling.
- Assigned by DOJ leadership to lead post-litigation team assessing discovery issues in Alaska corruption cases related to U.S. v. Theodore Stevens.
- Member of Attorney General's Capital Review Committee, responsible for evaluating requests to pursue/not pursue the death penalty in federal prosecutions.
- Member of DOJ Honors Program Hiring Committee.
- Served as Gang Unit's *Giglio* officer, thus providing Gang Unit and DOJ-wide training on complex discovery issues.

University of Maryland – Shady Grove Campus

Instructor, Courtroom Evidence for Criminal Trials, Spring Semester, 2016

Instructor, Legal Advocacy, Fall Semester, 2016

American University Washington College of Law

Coach, Honors Mock Trial Society Team (ATLAC Competition) Spring Semester, 2014

Evaluator, Capital City Challenge Mock Trial, February, 2014, and February, 2015

Coach, ADR Mock Trial Team (ABA Competition) Fall Semester, 2013

Evaluator, Regional Mock Trial (ACTL National Competition), February, 2014

United States Attorney's Office, Greenbelt, Maryland
Assistant United States Attorney, 1999-2006
Deputy Branch Chief, 2006-2009

- Investigate and prosecute violent crime, narcotics, white collar, death penalty, and other cases.
- Member of Death Penalty Review Committee, Hiring Committee.
- Project EXILE coordinator (firearms prosecutions, community outreach, training, and state/federal coordination) for Southern Division as well as District of Maryland's Anti-Gang Coordinator.
- Notable prosecutions included Serial Arsonist investigation and prosecution, Washington area Sniper investigation, "Black Widow" homicides, and MS-13 prosecution.

Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office, Rockville, Maryland
Assistant State's Attorney, Major Crimes Unit, 1995 - October 1999
Germantown Team Leader, June 1999 - October 1999

- Investigated and prosecuted murder, rape, armed robbery, and other complex cases. Responsible for drug-related eviction proceedings. Frequently litigated post-conviction proceeds and sentencing review hearings.
- Member of the education committee, including instructing staff on complex Fifth and Sixth Amendment issues.
- Significant cases included State v. Hadden Clark (suspected serial killer was convicted of murdering child in 1986) and State v. Samuel Sheinbein (dismemberment and burning of victim by teenager who fled to Israel seeking asylum).

Assistant State's Attorney, District Court/Juvenile Court/Circuit Court felony, 1989-95

- Prosecuted misdemeanor cases in District Court, as well as felonies and misdemeanors in Juvenile and Circuit Court. Felony trial experience included robbery, sex offense, burglary, and serious narcotics cases.
- Lectured various citizen groups, police units, and police cadets on variety of criminal law and procedure subjects.

Montgomery College, Takoma Park/Germantown campuses

- Taught paralegal courses including Business Law, Wills and Estates, and Civil Litigation.

Education:

Emory University School of Law, Juris Doctor 1989
Wake Forest University, B.A. Economics, graduated *cum laude* 1986

Specialized Professional Education:

- Since roughly 2006, I have been regularly invited to present, lecture, and moderate discussions at dozens of conferences, seminars, and training sessions. A specific list of these appearances is available upon request, but to summarize I have instructed on trial advocacy, public corruption, gang prosecution, violent crime, and other subjects. I have presented to small groups of law enforcement officers but also in settings with hundreds of attendees from various disciplines, in locations ranging from the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area to Omaha, Nebraska to Bangkok, Thailand.

Awards/Publications:

USA Bulletin (11/13 issue) author of article on use of gang experts
Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award 2011
ATF Honors Award 2010
Baltimore SAC Award (ICE) 2009
Maryland Bar Journal (7/08 issue) author of gang prosecution article, 2008
Assistant Attorney General's Award (MS-13) 2007
Project Safe Neighborhood Gang Prosecution Award 2007
Project Safe Neighborhood Innovative Practices Award 2007
FLEOA National Award for Investigative Excellence 2007
Federal Prosecutor of the Year, Montgomery County Police, 2005
Chief's Award, Prince George's P.D., 2003
Special Achievement Award (USAO) 2002
Chief's Award, Prince George's County Police Dept., 2002
Community Hero Award, Montgomery County Civic Federation, 2000
Community Prosecuting Award, Montgomery County Police Dept., 1999
Child Abuse Protection Award, Montgomery County Government, 1997

References:

Available upon request