



David DeVillers brings nearly 30 years of experience as a U.S. Attorney, Assistant U.S. Attorney and state prosecutor to representing individuals and businesses across a range of white collar criminal, compliance, internal investigation and enforcement, and complex litigation matters. This depth of knowledge allows David to offer corporate clients considerable insights for often complex challenges.

David provides counsel at virtually every stage of the criminal defense process, and represents companies and executives that are the subject of federal and state criminal and civil investigations. He advises on corporate compliance programs and monitorships that may result from a U.S. Department of Justice deferred prosecution agreement.

A career prosecutor who is approachable yet compelling and formidable in the courtroom, David is skilled at answering grand jury subpoenas and handling multijurisdictional issues, civil litigation, and agency inquiries. If trial is necessary, his extensive litigation experience can be put to work to achieve the client's goals.

During his time as a federal prosecutor with the Department of Justice (DOJ), David prosecuted a variety of offenses involving the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), the Continuing Criminal Enterprise (CCE) statute, money laundering, corruption, wire fraud, murder, international drug trafficking, and terrorism. He tried 24 jury trials while an Assistant U.S. Attorney.

He also led numerous task forces in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and local police agencies to combat white collar crime, terrorism, transnational crime, and corruption.

He has been nationally recognized for his work and was a regular teacher at the National Advocacy Center. He has traveled to other districts to present case studies of his trials – including the largest federal murder

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EDUCATION

Capital University Law School, J.D.

The State University of New York at
Oswego, (B.A.)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Ohio

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the Northern
District of Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Southern
District of Ohio

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Antitrust and Competition Law
Litigation
White Collar and Investigations

INDUSTRIES

Colleges and Universities

case in Ohio's history, charging 20 members of the Short North Posse, a known gang in Columbus. As U.S. Attorney, he oversaw the investigation into and prosecutions related to one of the largest corruption conspiracies in Ohio's history.

As part of the DOJ, David spent a great deal of time overseas, specifically in Albania, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Georgia, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, and Ukraine, where he was assigned as a legal adviser in combatting crime and corruption. Notably, he was sent to Iraq as a prosecutor adviser to the Iraqi High Tribunal for the Anfal (Kurdish Genocide) trial of Saddam Hussein, and while he was there, investigated additional crimes against humanity perpetrated by the former Iraqi regime.

David began his career as director of the organized crime/gang unit for the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office in Columbus, where he was lead prosecutor in approximately 60 jury trials.

Additionally, David is a technical adviser for the Showtime original series, Billions.

Professional and Community Involvement

Adjunct professor, Ohio State University College of Law for white collar crime

Honors

Ohio Super Lawyers, 2024

The Best Lawyers in America, 2024

Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, State University of New York at Oswego, 2019

Ohio Attorney General, Mark Losey Distinguished Service Award, 2018

The National Association of Former United States Attorneys J. Michael Bradford Memorial Award, Nation's Most Outstanding Assistant U.S. Attorney, 2008

Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association, Outstanding Assistant Prosecutor of the Year, 1999