

MICHAEL G. WHEAT

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1989 - Present Assistant United States Attorney
Southern District of California Criminal Division
- Special Attorney for the Attorney General (July 2012-Present)
Prosecuting inter-district conflict cases in the Districts of Arizona and Hawaii
- Attorney, Violent Crimes and Human Trafficking Section (July 2019-present)
Prosecuting homicides, robberies, firearms offenses and sex trafficking organizations
- Attorney, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Section (February 2018-July 2019)
Prosecuting multinational smuggling organizations
- Senior Litigation Counsel (March 2012-February 2018)
Trained new AUSAs, advised the U.S. Attorney on Southwest Border issues, litigated complex cases, and coordinated immigration related cases with the National Security Section.
- Chief, General Crimes Section, (June 2010-March 2012)
- Principal Deputy Chief, General Crimes Section, Intake/Grand Jury Unit (May 2007 - June 2010)
- Attorney, Counterterrorism Unit (September 2001-May 2007)
Joint Terrorism Task Force Immigration Coordinator, prosecuted cases involving terrorism related offenses.
- Attorney, General Crimes Section (June 1998-September 2001) Prosecuted cases involving public corruption, benefits fraud, firearms offenses, cyber-crimes, and crimes on the high seas.
- Deputy Chief, Border Crimes Section (January 1996-June 1998) Supervised District case issuing
- Attorney, Violent Crimes Unit (March 1992-January 1996) Prosecuted armed career criminals, arson, and firearms cases.
- Attorney, Trial Unit (April 1989-March 1992) Prosecuted smuggling cases.
- 1988 - 1989 Special Assistant United States Attorney
Southern District of California, Criminal Division, Trial Section
- 1988 Special Assistant United States Attorney
United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida
- 1987 - 1988 Special Assistant United States Attorney Western District of Texas, El Paso Division
- 1987 - 1988 Sector Counsel, United States Border Patrol; El Paso, Texas
- 1986 - 1987 Special Assistant United States Attorney Southern District of California, Financial Investigations and Forfeiture Unit
- 1984 - 1987 Trial Attorney, Immigration & Naturalization Service,
San Diego District (selected through the Attorney General's Honors Program)

EDUCATION AND BAR MEMBERSHIP

Juris Doctor, (May 1984) University of San Diego School of Law
Bachelor of Arts, (May 1981), San Diego State University, *magna cum laude*
Liberal Studies (Constitutional History, Constitutional Law, & Sociology)
Member of the California State Bar (May 1985 to present)

TEACHING/SPEAKING ACTIVITIES

Lecturer San Diego State University
-School of Public Affairs,
Criminal Justice 520 (The Prosecutorial Function) (1996 - present)
Public Administration 496 (Introduction to Trial Advocacy)(2012-2016)
Criminal Justice 420 (Constitutional Issues in Criminal Justice)(2010)
-College of Sciences, Graduate Program in Homeland Security
(2007 - present) *Homeland Security 604 (Law, Society, and Homeland Security)*
-*Professor of the Year* (CJ 1998 and 2015, HSEC 2015)

Instructor Attorney General's Advocacy Institute (1987-present), courses taught:

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| -Criminal Immigration Law | -Public corruption |
| -Basic and Advanced Immigration Law | -Advanced Firearms Investigations |
| -Criminal Trial Advocacy Course | -Immigration Offenses in Narcotics Cases |
| -Advanced Criminal Trial Advocacy Course | -Advanced Paralegal Course |
| -Civil Trial Advocacy Course | -National Immigration Law Seminar |
| -Counterterrorism Seminar | -Complex Alien Smuggling Schemes |
| -Civil and Criminal Immigration Law | -Criminal Alien Prosecutions |

Master American Inns of Court, William B. Enright Chapter, (2004 – 2017)

- March 2006, Co-team leader, "*A CRASH Course in Jury Selection*,"
- February 2007, Co-team leader, "*Simpson Law, in a Family Feud World*,"
- February 2010, Co-team leader, "*24 Things You Need to Know About Enhanced Interrogation*,"
- September 2010, Speaker, "*Grand Jury Practice*."

Co-author, DOJ Book, Immigration Law, [Chapter 11--Alien Smuggling (Feb. 2000)]

Co-author, DOJ Book, Immigration Law, [Chapter 5--Aliens and Guns (Sept. 2003)]

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Director's Award, Department of Justice, Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, Superior Performance in Prevention and Reentry Activities, "Alternative to Prison Solutions Diversion Program" (2016)

Commissioner's Award for Best Practices and Innovation, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, "Maritime Smuggling Initiative;" (2011)

Secretary's Award for Team Excellence, Department of Homeland Security, Enforcement Removal Operations, "Operation Repeat Offender;" (2008)