

David H. Hoffman



David Hoffman served as the Inspector General for the City of Chicago from October 2005 through August 2009, after seven years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Chicago. As Chicago's Inspector General, Mr. Hoffman led an independent office of experienced investigators, attorneys, and auditors who investigate and uncover corruption, fraud, and waste relating to City government. Under Mr. Hoffman's tenure, the Inspector General's Office partnered with federal law enforcement in many joint investigations leading to numerous federal prosecutions. Mr. Hoffman also focused the office's investigations on corruption in the awarding and maintaining of City contracts and issued public reports finding millions of dollars in fraud and waste.

Mr. Hoffman implemented wholesale changes in the way the Inspector General's Office operates, guided principally by a strict commitment to independence and professionalism. Those changes included the creation of an independent hiring process authorized by the United States District Court; the creation of a computer and email system separate and independent from City government; the creation of confidential web and phone system for reporting corruption; the creation of Legal and Audit staffs; and the implementation of a policy requiring that interviews of subjects be recorded unless the subject refuses consent.

Mr. Hoffman joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1998 and prosecuted and investigated a wide variety of cases including fraud, police corruption, and highly-organized gang conspiracies. In 2002, U.S. Attorney Pat Fitzgerald promoted Mr. Hoffman to Deputy Chief in charge of a newly-created gang unit within the Narcotics and Gang Section. In this role, Mr. Hoffman supervised a team of prosecutors responsible for all federal gang prosecutions and investigations and worked extensively on building systems in which federal and local law enforcement shared intelligence and coordinated investigations regarding gangs. In 2003, Mr. Hoffman also became one of two leaders of Project Safe Neighborhoods, the U.S. Attorney's Office's anti-gun-violence program. In this role, Mr. Hoffman supervised gun trafficking prosecutions and investigations and played a leading role in creating "parolee forums" in which law enforcement and community groups spoke to felons convicted of gun offenses about the reasons why they should not possess a gun.

Prior to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Hoffman served as a law clerk for Chief Justice William Rehnquist of the United States Supreme Court (1996-1997) and for Judge Dennis Jacobs of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (1995-1996). Mr. Hoffman graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in 1995, where he was Articles Editor of the *Law Review* and recipient of the university-wide President's Award for Community Service. Mr. Hoffman attended college at Yale University, graduating with a B.A. in history in 1988.

In January 2009, Mr. Hoffman was named to the Illinois Reform Commission, an independent commission tasked with recommending anti-corruption reforms in state government. The Commission issued its final report on April 28, 2009.

Mr. Hoffman has been named an adjunct professor (Lecturer) at the University of Chicago Law School for the 2009-2010 academic year, where he will teach a course on public corruption law. He has been a guest lecturer at a variety of institutions ranging from Notre Dame Law School to the Justice Department's national training center for prosecutors.