

John P. Woods**Deputy Assistant Director, National Security Investigations Division
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Mr. John P. Woods currently serves as the Deputy Assistant Director at Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). In this capacity Mr. Woods oversees the National Security Investigations Division and as chief of this 450 person headquarters division, manages a \$141 million budget and oversees HSI's investigative, regulatory, and technological programs targeting transnational national security threats arising from illicit travel, trade, and financial enterprises.

Mr. Woods has twenty five years of experience in law enforcement with the majority of time developing and managing programs for the legacy U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), now ICE. Previously, Mr. Woods had served as the Unit Chief of the Counter Terrorism Unit in ICE, and as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Miami SAC Office of ICE. During his career with INS, Mr. Woods has served as a Section Chief (1999-2003) in the Miami District Office and Supervisory Special Agent in both Washington, DC (1996-1999) and New York City (1995-1996).

Mr. Woods began in federal law enforcement career in 1987 as an INS Special Agent assigned to the New York field office. During his time in New York, Mr. Woods worked significant employer sanctions, fraud, and terrorism cases. Of significance was his work with the Joint Terrorist Task Force (1993 – 1995) on the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and the subsequent Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman conspiracy prosecution. Mr. Woods was also responsible for overseeing multiple undercover operations targeting both human smuggling & trafficking organizations.

During the course of his distinguished career, Mr. Woods has received three INS Commissioner's Awards and has worked on and supervised numerous cases that have been recognized by the local U.S. Attorney's and the Attorney General.



Eli M. Rosenbaum
Director, Human Rights Enforcement Strategy and Policy
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As Director of Human Rights Enforcement Strategy and Policy in the DOJ Criminal Division's Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section, Eli Rosenbaum helps guide the section's enforcement of federal criminal and civil laws against alleged human rights violators and war criminals and directs its investigations and prosecutions of persons in the United States alleged to have participated in World War II-era Nazi crimes.

Mr. Rosenbaum served in the Criminal Division for nearly 25 years in the former Office of Special Investigations (OSI), which was created in 1979 to take action against participants in World War II-era Nazi crimes who fled to this country after World War II. In

2004, the unit's mission was expanded to encompass certain human rights violators from post-WWII conflicts. Mr. Rosenbaum served as a trial attorney and then as deputy director at OSI, and from 1994 to 2010 he was the unit's director. Under his leadership, OSI won international acclaim as the world's most successful law enforcement program directed against Nazi criminals. When OSI merged last year with the Criminal Division's former Domestic Security Section to form the new Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section (HRSP), Mr. Rosenbaum assumed his current post. He holds B.S. and M.B.A. degrees from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. degree from Harvard Law School.



Pamela Merchant, Executive Director
Center for Justice and Accountability

Pamela Merchant is the Executive Director of the Center for Justice and Accountability (CJA) and has held that position since 2005. CJA is an international human rights organization dedicated to deterring torture and other severe human rights abuses around the world and advancing the rights of survivors to seek truth, justice and redress. CJA employs litigation in the U.S., Cambodia and Spanish courts to hold perpetrators individually accountable for human rights abuses, develop human rights law, and promote the rule of law in countries transitioning from periods of abuse.

Ms. Merchant is an attorney with twenty five years experience in the conduct and management of complex state and federal litigation. Ms. Merchant spent eight years as a federal prosecutor with the U. S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, where she specialized in white collar prosecutions. Before joining CJA, she was Special Counsel to the California Attorney General where she coordinated the affirmative litigation filed by the State in connection with the California energy crisis. She has also been a civil prosecutor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in addition to representing clients in private practice. Ms. Merchant graduated with honors from Georgetown University and Boston College School of Law.