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Robert S. Mueller, III

On July 5, 2001 the President nominated Robert S. Mueller to be the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Recently, he served as the Acting Deputy Attorney General for the Department of Justice from January through May 2001. On October 7, 1999, Robert Mueller was confirmed by the Senate as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of California in San Francisco. Prior to joining the Northern District of California in 1998, Mr. Mueller was Chief of the Homicide Section of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colombia where he had served since 1995 as Senior Litigation Counsel in the Homicide Section until assuming the position as Chief in 1997.

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Prior to assuming the position of Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Mueller was an assistant to Attorney General Richard Thornburgh in the Department of Justice, and from 1986 to 1987 he served as United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts.

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Director

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Robert Mueller

Lawyer (1944-)

Robert Mueller is the 6th Director of the United States Federal Bureau of investigation (FBI) and is best known for pushing to expand wiretap laws in the U.S.

Synopsis

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Robert Mueller served in the Marines for three years during the Vietnam War and worked as a litigator in San Francisco before moving to starting his career in politics. He joined the U.S. Department of Justice in 1989 and became the 6th Director of the United States Federal Bureau of investigation (FBI) under President Bush. Mueller is best known for pushing to expand wiretap laws in the U.S.

Early Life

Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Robert Swan Mueller III was born on August 7, 1944, in New York City. Mueller received his bachelor's degree from Princeton University, his master's in international relations from New York University and his law degree from the University of Virginia. He served in the Marines for three years during the Vietnam War, earning a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

Criminal Justice

After working as a litigator in San Francisco, Mueller served in the United States Attorney offices from 1976-1988. In 1989, he joined the United States Department of Justice, leading its criminal division in the prosecution of Manuel Noriega and crime boss John Gotti among other high-profile cases. He worked in the private sector from 1993-1995, returning to public service as senior litigator in the homicide division of the District of Columbia United States Attorney's Office. Mueller served as U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California from 1998-2001.

FBI Director

In 2001, President Bush nominated Mueller as FBI Director, which was unanimously approved by the Senate. He officially took his post on September 4, 2001, just one week before the September 11 terrorist attacks. In the following months, Mueller acknowledged that the attacks might have been prevented had FBI headquarters followed through on tips from field offices. He then reorganized the bureau to focus on counterterrorism rather than domestic crimes.

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Early life and education

Mueller was born on August 7, 1944, in New York City, New York, the son of Alice C. (née Truesdale) and Robert Swan Mueller. His maternal great-grandfather was railroad executive William Truesdale; his ancestry includes German, Scottish, and English. Mueller grew up outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A 1962 graduate of St. Paul's School, he went on to receive an A.B. from Princeton University in 1966, where he played lacrosse, an M.A. in international relations from New York University in 1967, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1973.

Military service

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Robert Mueller



6th Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

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George W. Bush

Preceded by Michael Yamaguchi

Succeeded by Kevin Ryan

Personal details

Career

Following his military service, Mueller continued his studies at the University of Virginia Law School, eventually serving on the Law Review. After receiving his Juris Doctor degree, Mueller worked as a litigator in San Francisco until 1976.

He then served for 12 years in United States Attorney offices. He first worked in the office of the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California in San Francisco, where he rose to be chief of the criminal division, and in 1982, he moved to Boston to work in the office of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts as Assistant United States Attorney, where he investigated and prosecuted major financial fraud, terrorism and public corruption cases, as well as narcotics conspiracies and international money launderers.

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After serving as a partner at the Boston law firm of Hill and Barlow, Mueller returned to government service. In 1989, he served in the United States Department of Justice as an assistant to Attorney General Dick Thornburgh. The following year he took charge of its criminal division. During his tenure, he oversaw prosecutions that included Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega, the Pan Am Flight 103 (Lockerbie bombing) case, and the Gambino crime family boss John Gotti. In 1991, he was elected a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mueller was nominated for the position of FBI Director on July 5, 2001.^[3] He and two other candidates were up for the job at the time, but he was always considered the front runner.^[4] Washington lawyer George J. Terwilliger III and veteran Chicago prosecutor and white-collar defense lawyer Dan Webb were up for the job but both pulled out from consideration around mid-June. Confirmation hearings for Mueller, in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee, were quickly set for July 30, only three days before his prostate cancer surgery.^{[5][6]} The vote on the Senate floor on August 2, 2001, passed unanimously, 98–0.^[7] He served as Acting Deputy Attorney General of the United States Department of Justice for several months, before officially becoming the FBI Director on September 4, 2001, just one week before the September 11 attacks against the United States.

On May 12, 2011, it was reported that President Obama had asked Director Mueller to continue at the helm of the FBI for another 2 years beyond his current term, set to expire on September 4, 2013.^[8] The Senate approved this request on July 27, 2011.^[9] Mueller stepped down on September 4, 2013, and was replaced by James Comey.^[10]

Domestic wiretapping investigation

Director Mueller, along with Acting Attorney General James B. Comey, offered to resign from office in March 2004 if the White House overruled a Department of Justice finding that domestic wiretapping without a court warrant was unconstitutional. [11] Attorney General John D. Ashcroft denied his consent to attempts by White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card and White House Counsel Alberto R. Gonzales to waive the Justice Department ruling and permit the domestic warrantless eavesdropping program to proceed. On March 12, 2004, President George W. Bush gave his support to changes in the program sufficient to satisfy the concerns of Mueller, Ashcroft and Comey. [11] The extent of the National



At the memorial event of Giovanni Falcone, Mueller told the audience of American and Italian law enforcement that the relationships forged years ago between the Italian National Police and the FBI "have borne tremendous fruit in this age of international crime and terrorism. Those friendships have set the standard for global cooperation among law enforcement".

Security Agency's domestic warrantless eavesdropping under the President's Surveillance Program is still largely unknown.

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Robert S. Mueller, III

Director of the Federal Bureau of Intelligence

Having been nominated by President George W. Bush, Mr. Mueller was confirmed as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the United States Senate on August 2, 2001, and took the oath of office on September 4, 2001.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Mueller served in a number of positions in the United States Department of Justice:

From 1976 to 1988, Mr. Mueller held various positions as a prosecutor and supervisor, first in the office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of California in San Francisco, and beginning in 1982 in the office of the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts in Boston. While in those positions, he investigated and prosecuted a number of major financial frauds, narcotics conspiracies, racketeering cases, terrorist cases, tax matters (including international money launderers), and public corruption cases (including the "Exam Scam" case in Massachusetts). From 1986 to 1987, Mr. Mueller served as United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts.

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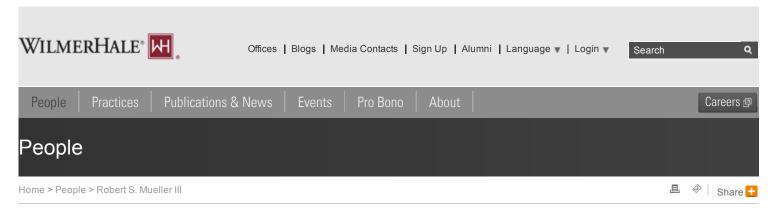
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Mr. Mueller assumed the position of interim United States Attorney for the Northern District of California in August 1998. He was nominated by President Clinton and confirmed by the Senate for that position on October 7, 1999. He held that position until August 2001, although he served as the Acting Deputy Attorney General of the United States Department of Justice from January to May 2001.

Mr. Mueller also has experience in the private practice of law. From 1973 to 1976, Mr. Mueller was a litigation associate in the San Francisco law firm of Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro. From 1988 to 1989, Mr. Mueller was a partner in the Boston law firm of Hill and Barlow. From January 1993 to May 1995, Mr. Mueller was a partner in the Boston law firm of Hale and Dorr. His practice concentrated primarily on white collar crime matters, internal corporate investigations, the establishment of compliance programs, and complex civil litigation.

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Broadly recognized for his experience in privacy and cybersecurity matters, Mr. Mueller's practice is focused on investigations, crisis management, privacy and cybersecurity work. With increasing attention on privacy and cybersecurity by boards of directors, and the realization by companies of the significant legal exposure they face from breaches of their information technology systems, Mr. Mueller is well positioned to lead the most sensitive internal investigations and to counsel on crisis management issues. He has experience advising companies on preparing for cyber incidents, and with responding to and investigating privacy and cyber breaches, at both the state and federal level.

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