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Experience

**Chief, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section**
National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Dec 2014 – Present • 2 yrs 4 mos • Washington, DC
The Counterintelligence and Export Control Section (CES) investigates and prosecutes espionage, cyber crimes involving state sponsors and their proxies, economic espionage, and violations of U.S. export control and sanctions laws. CES also administers and enforces the Foreign Agents Registration Act.
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**Principal**
Law Offices of David H. Laufman, PLLC
Nov 2011 – Oct 2014 • 3 yrs • Washington D.C. Metro Area
White-collar defense and corporate compliance counseling
Practice areas included:
Representation of individuals and companies in all phases of federal criminal and other enforcement investigations.
Representation in administrative investigations by Offices of Inspector General, Offices of Professional Responsibility, and the Office of Special Counsel.
Representation in congressional oversight and ethics investigations.
Representation in OFAC and export control enforcement matters.
Representation in sensitive national security matters. (Possess a current Top Secret clearance.)
Corporate compliance counseling on issues including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, U.S. export control and economic sanctions laws, government contract laws, and government ethics laws.
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**Associate General Counsel**
Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (on detail to Fraud Section, U.S. Department of Justice)
Feb 2010 – Nov 2011 • 1 yr 10 mos
Conducted criminal investigations and prosecutions of procurement fraud and official corruption relating to U.S. reconstruction assistance in Iraq.

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**Partner**
Kelley Drye
Aug 2007 – Jan 2010 • 2 yrs 6 mos

White collar litigation

Defense of government enforcement investigations

Congressional investigations

Government contract bid protest litigation

Compliance counseling regarding U.S. export controls and economic sanctions, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, government contract laws, and government ethics laws

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**Assistant U.S. Attorney**
United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia
Mar 2003 – Aug 2007 • 4 yrs 6 mos

Prosecuted national security cases, including terrorism, export control, and economic sanctions cases.

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**Chief of Staff**
Office of the Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice
May 2001 – Feb 2003 • 1 yr 10 mos • Washington, DC

Provided advice and recommendations to Deputy Attorney General regarding sensitive policy and operational matters.

Managed operations of Office of the Deputy Attorney General and coordinated policy and operations with Office of the Attorney General and offices and divisions of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Coordinated Department of Justice responses to requests for information by Congressional committees.

Coordinated Department of Justice responses in aftermath of terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, including coordination with FBI and other law enforcement agencies, the intelligence community, and the Office of Homeland Security.

Served as Department of Justice representative to the National Security Council Policy Coordinating Committee on Terrorism Finance.

Served as Executive Secretary, Department of Justice National Security Coordinating Council.

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**Assistant Counsel**
Office of Professional Responsibility
Jan 2001 – May 2001 • 5 mos

Conducted professional misconduct investigations of Department of Justice attorneys.

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**Staff Director and Deputy Chief Counsel**
Judicial Review Commission on Foreign Asset Control
2000 – 2001 • 1 yr • Washington, DC

Managed operations of government commission established by Congress to analyze laws concerning the imposition of U.S. economic sanctions and the administration of sanctions laws by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) at the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Coordinated fact-finding and public hearings of the Commission.

Messaging 

te and edited Interim and Final Report to Congress setting forth findings and recommendations.

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Investigative Counsel

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, U.S. House of Representatives ("House Ethics Committee")
Jan 1996 – Jun 2000 • 4 yrs 6 mos

Conducted public corruption investigations of Members of Congress and congressional staff. Provided advice on compliance with congressional and federal ethics and campaign finance rules.

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Senior Associate

Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP
1994 – 1996 • 2 yrs

Represented individuals and corporations in criminal matters before U.S. Attorney's Offices and the Department of Justice.

Conducted civil litigation on behalf of individuals and corporations in Federal courts and administrative agencies.

Counseled corporations regarding compliance with laws governing international business transactions, including U.S. economic sanctions laws and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

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Associate Independent Counsel

Office of the Independent Counsel (diGenova)
1993 – 1995 • 2 yrs

In a criminal investigation concerning the search of then-candidate Bill Clinton's passport records during the 1992 presidential election campaign, interviewed and deposed witnesses, prepared briefs, conducted oral argument, developed investigative and legal strategy, and coordinated document production from federal agencies and presidential archives.

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Senior Associate Minority Counsel

"October Surprise Task Force," U.S. House of Representatives
1992 – 1993 • 1 yr

In a sensitive congressional investigation concerning allegations that the 1980 Reagan presidential campaign conspired to delay the release of American hostages in Iran until after the 1980 presidential election, conducted witness interviews and depositions, analyzed documents and other evidence, and authored key sections of the Task Force's Final Report to Congress.

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Deputy Minority Counsel

Committee on Foreign Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives
1990 – 1993 • 3 yrs

Assisted Members of the House of Representatives and congressional staff in drafting legislative proposals, conducting investigations, and exercising oversight of the Executive Branch.

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Associate

Collier, Shannon, Rill & Scott
Sep 1987 – Oct 1990 • 3 yrs 2 mos

Conducted civil litigation in Federal courts and administrative agencies and provided counseling on antitrust issues and Federal regulation of petroleum franchises.

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**Intelligence Analyst**

Central Intelligence Agency

1980 – 1984 • 4 yrs

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Education

**Georgetown University Law Center**

J.D.

1984 – 1987

Activities and Societies: Moot Court, Georgetown Immigration Law Journal

**University of Pennsylvania**

B.A. (magna cum laude), International Relations

1976 – 1979

Activities and Societies: President, Penn Political Union

**St. John's School**

1964 – 1976

Activities and Societies: Prefect, 1975-1976 St. John's Review, 1974-1976

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White Collar Crimi... • 55



Douglas McNabb and 54 connections have given endorsements for this skill

Litigation • 53



Charles Piper and 52 connections have given endorsements for this skill

FCPA • 42



Phil Rosenberg and 41 connections have given endorsements for this skill

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Recommendations

[Received \(1\)](#)[Given \(1\)](#)**Mark Zaid**

Adjunct Professor at Johns Hopkins University, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences

October 30, 2012, Mark worked with David but at different companies

David is continuing to build upon his already impressive resume. I would not hesitate to join forces with him on complicated cases, especially in the national security and white collar defense arenas. He is a force to reckon with!



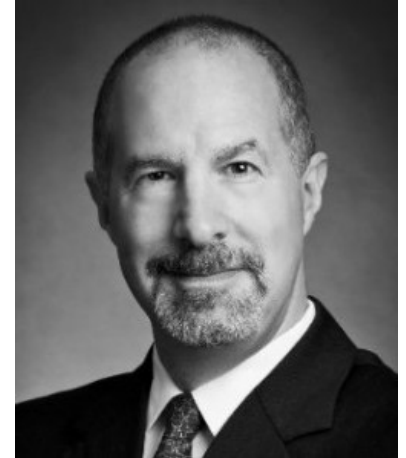
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Chief of the Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, National Security Division
U.S. Department of Justice

David H. Laufman serves as Chief of the Counterintelligence and Export Control Section ("CES") in the National Security Division at the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ"). CES has supervisory responsibility within DOJ for the investigation and prosecution of offenses concerning national security-related cyber intrusions and attacks, U.S. export controls and economic sanctions, atomic energy and counterproliferation, espionage, economic espionage, and foreign agent registration and disclosure. Among the national security-related cyber cases that Mr. Laufman has overseen are the prosecution of seven Iranian nationals for conducting a coordinated campaign of cyber attacks against more than forty U.S. financial institutions; the prosecution of a Chinese national for conspiring to hack into the computer networks of major U.S. defense contractors, steal sensitive military and export-controlled data, and send the stolen data to China; and the prosecution of three Syrian nationals associated with the Syrian Electronic Army for multiple conspiracies related to computer hacking, including a conspiracy to extort the victims of their alleged criminal activity.



Mr. Laufman previously served both as a federal prosecutor and at DOJ's highest operational and policy levels. As Chief of Staff to the Deputy Attorney General from 2001 to 2003, he assisted in the day-to-day management of DOJ and he helped coordinate DOJ's responses to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. From 2003 to 2007, Mr. Laufman served as Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia, where he prosecuted terrorism, export control, and other national security offenses. From 2010 to 2011, he served as a Special Trial Attorney to the Fraud Section at DOJ, where, on detail from the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction ("SIGIR"), he investigated and prosecuted procurement fraud and corruption related to U.S. economic assistance to Iraq.

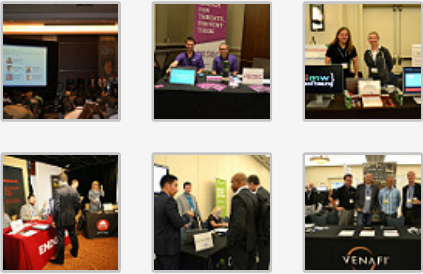
Mr. Laufman has received several awards for his work as a federal prosecutor. In 2006, he received the John Marshall Award for Outstanding Legal Achievement, DOJ's highest award for excellence in litigation, for his trial work as lead prosecutor in the terrorism case *United States v. Abu Ali*. In 2007, Mr. Laufman received the FBI Director's Award for Outstanding Counterterrorism Investigation for his work in *United States v. Khan* ("the Virginia Jihad case"). In 2011, he received the Award for Excellence in Investigation from the Council of the Inspector General for Integrity and Efficiency for his work in the case of *United States v. Ayesh*, which resulted in new judicial precedent regarding the extraterritorial application of federal conflict-of-interest laws.

Mr. Laufman has devoted much of his career to national security affairs. In the 1980s, he served as a military and political analyst in the Directorate of Intelligence at the Central Intelligence Agency. From 1990 to 1993, he was Deputy Minority Counsel to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the U.S. House of Representatives, where he participated in oversight investigations of the executive branch. From 2000 to 2001, he served as Staff Director and Deputy Chief Counsel to the Judicial Review Commission on Foreign Asset Control, a congressional body that examined the administration of U.S. laws governing the imposition of economic sanctions by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. While serving as Chief of Staff to the Deputy Attorney General from 2001 to 2003, Mr. Laufman also served as DOJ's representative to the National Security Council's Policy Coordinating Committee on Terrorist Financing, a sensitive inter-agency body that formulated intelligence and law enforcement policy and tactics regarding the designation of individuals and organizations suspected of financing al-Qaeda and other terrorist organizations.

In addition to his work in national security affairs, Mr. Laufman has extensive experience in government ethics and public corruption investigations. From 1992 to 1993, he served as Senior Associate Minority Counsel to the Task Force to Investigate Certain Allegations Concerning the Holding of American Hostages by Iran in 1980 ("October Surprise Task Force"), a special bipartisan panel of the U.S. House of Representatives. Subsequently, he served as Associate Independent Counsel in the investigation concerning the search of William J. Clinton's passport files during the 1992 Presidential Election Campaign. From 1996 to 2000, Mr. Laufman served as investigative Counsel to the Ethics Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, where he conducted ethics investigations of Members of Congress and coordinated the sanctions hearing of then-Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. Following the Gingrich case, he played a central role in crafting and negotiating changes to the ethics rules of the House of Representatives in his capacity as Assistant to the Special Counsel to the Ethics Reform Task Force. Mr. Laufman also conducted professional misconduct investigations for the Office of Professional Responsibility at DOJ before becoming Chief of Staff to the Deputy Attorney General.

Mr. Laufman was born in Houston, Texas, where he attended St. John's School. He received his bachelor's degree in 1979 from the University of Pennsylvania, graduating magna cum laude with distinction in international relations. He received his law degree in 1987 from Georgetown University Law Center.

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