

JAMES P. GILLIS

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A PROVEN TRIAL LAWYER IN NATIONAL SECURITY AND WHITE-COLLAR ARENAS

I have tried cases in the federal district courts of Michigan, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio, and Virginia, as well as in the state courts of Michigan and Pennsylvania. I have handled federal appeals in the First, Third, Fourth, and D.C. Circuits. I am the only federal prosecutor to have tried two espionage cases, both of which included extensive CIPA and FISA litigation and consultation with the Intelligence Community. I tried the first terrorism prosecution of a foreign enemy combatant in an Article III court. I regularly advise the FBI in counterterrorism investigations, protecting sources and methods while preserving the option to prosecute. I also prosecute international trafficking in munitions and sensitive technology, narco-trafficking, and other international crimes. I have prosecuted white-collar crimes committed by bank presidents, board members, accountants, lawyers, investment advisors, tax preparers, and other professionals. In private practice, I handled complex commercial cases, mass-tort litigation, and other class action suits.

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant United States Attorney National Security and International Crimes Unit United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia	March 2002 to present
Senior Trial Attorney Counterespionage Section, National Security Division United States Department of Justice	December 2001 to March 2002
Senior Counsel for Law Enforcement Office of the General Counsel United States Department of the Treasury	January 2001 to December 2001
Senior Trial Attorney Fraud Section, Criminal Division United States Department of Justice	August 1991 to January 2001
Litigation Associate PepperHamilton Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	January 1987 to August 1991
Litigation Associate DykemaGossett Detroit, Michigan	May 1984 to January 1987
Litigation Associate Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith Lansing, Michigan	May 1982 to May 1984

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame Law School – J.D. Notre Dame, Indiana	May 1982
Michigan State University – B.A. Economics East Lansing, Michigan	August 1978

AWARDS

Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Furthering the Interests of U.S. National Security

United States Department of Justice

This was awarded for the first prosecution in a civilian Article III court of a foreign fighter captured on the battlefield.

Medal of Distinguished Performance

National Reconnaissance Office

The NRO's "Gold Medal" is the highest honor awarded by this agency, which operates the nation's spy satellites. It is rarely given to anyone outside the Intelligence Community.

ADL SHIELD Award

Anti-Defamation League

The ADL SHIELD Award recognizes major contributions toward protecting the American people from international terrorism and other hate-based crimes.

Director's Award

Executive Office of United States Attorneys

Award for Excellence

President's Council on Integrity & Efficiency

BAR ADMISSIONS

Virginia

May 2002

Michigan (emeritus)

November 1982

Pennsylvania (resigned)

May 1987 – October 2016

OTHER SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

Adjunct Professor, George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law, and Society

Adjunct Professor, George Washington University, Department of Forensic Sciences

Guest Lecturer, Counterterrorism Supervisory Special Agent seminar,
FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia

Featured Speaker, Diplomatic Security Service Special Agent training,
San Francisco, California; Boston, Massachusetts; Miami, Florida; St. Louis, Missouri;
Charleston, South Carolina; Chicago, Illinois; Washington, D.C.

CLEARANCES: Top Secret Codeword, Special Access Programs, and Q

SECOND LANGUAGE: Italian