



Background of Michael W. Cutler

Michael W. Cutler graduated from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York in 1971 with a B.A. in Communications Arts and Sciences. Mr. Cutler began working for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in October 1971 when he entered on duty as an Immigration Inspector assigned to John F. Kennedy International Airport. From 1973 until 1974 He was assigned as an examiner to the unit which was responsible for adjudicating petitions filed by United States Citizens and Lawfully Admitted Permanent Resident Aliens (LPRs) on behalf of their alien spouses to accord them LPR status. His goal in this assignment was to attempt to uncover fraud marriages and fraud marriage rings.

In August 1975 he became a Criminal Investigator (Special Agent) for the INS at NYC. He rotated through virtually every squad in the Investigations Branch. AS a special agent he conducted investigations and arrests of individuals involved in a wide variety of immigration-related violations of law including a number of international terrorists.

From 1988 until 1991 he was assigned as the INS representative to the Unified Intelligence Division (UID) of the DEA in New York. In 1991 he was promoted to the position of Senior Special Agent and was assigned to the Organized Crime, Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) which required that he work with members of other law enforcement agencies including the FBI, DEA, ATF, U.S. Customs and local and state police as well as law enforcement organizations of other countries including Israel, Canada, Great Britain and Japan, to conduct investigations of aliens involved in major drug trafficking organizations. These investigations ultimately resulted in the seizure of the assets of these criminals and their arrests and successful prosecutions for a wide variety of criminal violations.

Mr. Cutler retired from the INS in February 2002 after a career that spanned some 30 years.

Mr. Cutler has testified as an "Expert witness" at more than a dozen Congressional hearings on issues relating to the enforcement of immigration laws having been called by members of both political parties and having appeared in both houses of Congress.

Mr. Cutler also furnished testimony to the Presidential Commission on the Terrorist Attacks of September 11.

He has also testified before local and state legislative hearings including the New York State Senate and the Indiana State Senate on pending legislation involving immigration-related issues.

He is currently a Senior Writing Fellow at CAPS (Californians for Population Stabilization), a Fellow at the Center for Immigration Studies, a Washington-based think tank, he is a Contributing Expert on the nexus between immigration and terrorism for the Counterterrorism Blog, an advisor to the 911 Families for a Secure America and also advises the American Council for Immigration Reform as well as Family Security Matters and the American Council for Immigration Reform on issues concerning immigration issues that relate to national security.

He is a consultant who has testified in court proceedings as an expert witness in matters concerning immigration-related issues.

Finally, Mr. Cutler has appeared on numerous television and radio programs, including Lou Dobbs Tonight, "The O'Reilly Factor," "Your World With Neil Cavuto," "Glenn Beck" and various MSNBC news programs and many other television and radio news-oriented programs to discuss the enforcement of immigration laws. He has also participated in various public debates and panel discussions in numerous venues throughout the United States, including the Council on Foreign Relations and college campuses including Hofstra University, Columbia University and Yale Law School on issues involving the enforcement and administration of immigration laws.

Among the areas of concern that he is able to speak about authoritatively are:

The nexus between immigration and national security, the impact of immigration on the criminal justice system and strategies to combat illegal immigration, secure our nation's borders and restore integrity to the immigration system.