



Robert Rutt

Robert Rutt is the former Special Agent in Charge for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) in Houston, Texas, and former acting Director of the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center (IPR Center). Robert has over 30 years of management and investigatory experience in immigration and customs investigations and law enforcement, is a former member of the Senior Executive Service and in 2010 was a recipient of the Presidential Meritorious Rank Award.

As the Special Agent in Charge in Houston, TX, Robert led, within 54 counties, over 350 employees in criminal investigations targeting transnational crime, intellectual property theft, terrorist travel and finance, arms and technology proliferation, drug, human and weapons smuggling/trafficking and child exploitation.

As the acting Director of the National IPR Center, a 21-agency task force, he led for 18 months the U.S. government's enforcement response to global intellectual property theft with a focus on protecting the public's health and safety, the military and the U.S. economy from counterfeit and substandard goods.

Prior to these roles, Robert served as an Assistant Special Agent in Charge for narcotics and financial investigations in Houston, TX. Mr. Rutt oversaw a multi-agency task force in the Caribbean to address money laundering by financial institutions and served as Task Force Commander of a multi-agency undercover anti-money laundering task force in the Southwest. He also served as Director of Financial Investigations for the legacy U.S. Customs Service and Unit Chief of Financial Operations for HSI. As a special agent, he conducted intellectual property theft, money laundering, narcotics smuggling, Customs fraud and internal affairs investigations.

Robert has taught law enforcement courses at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, GA; INTERPOL in Lyon, France; the International Law Enforcement Academy in Gaborone, Botswana plus other courses throughout the U.S.

Following his retirement from federal service in 2012, Robert has worked on a broad range of consulting projects in the U.S. including Fortune 500 companies, a Financial Data Services company, a District Attorney's Office, and a diverse group of clients in Mexico, Australia, South America, Europe, and Asia.

Robert is a member of the Police Investigative Operations Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, is the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for the ICE Foundation and is a former U.S. Marine and holds a Master's of Science in Management from National Louis University in Evanston, Illinois and Bachelors of Science in Law Enforcement from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

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