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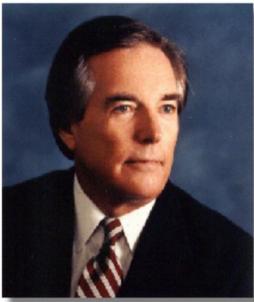
National Association of Former United States Attorneys

NAFUSA UPDATE

April 2011

Ron Woods to Step Down as Executive Director

Board Praises Service as Executive Director



At the 2010 conference in New York, Ron Woods advised the Board of Directors that he intends to step down as Executive Director of NAFUSA, effective at the end of September, 2011. For the past four years, Ron Woods has taken NAFUSA to the next level. During his term as Executive Director, the NAFUSA membership has increased to nearly 300 active members. The quality of the annual conferences has been unsurpassed.

Ron was appointed U.S. Attorney for the SD of Texas by President George H.W. Bush in 1990. Recently, he was appointed by the Fifth Circuit to investigate and prosecute a complaint against a New Orleans federal judge. He prosecuted the case before the Judicial Council of the Fifth Circuit and the trial record was subsequently referred to the U.S. House of Representatives for impeachment consideration. The House impeached and the Senate convicted and removed the judge from office.

His illustrious career has included representation of Jeffrey Skilling, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson and Terry Nichols. Ron also served four years as a Special Agent of the FBI. He is a proud graduate of the University of Texas School of Law.

Ron has turned NAFUSA into a nationally regarded professional organization. However, he has found the pressures of private practice too great for a sole practitioner to run a national organization and simultaneously run a law practice. Ron has promised to remain active and dedicated to NAFUSA.

Rossman Named Executive Director

NAFUSA Member Since 1981



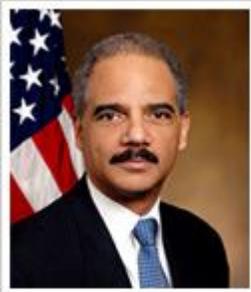
Upon the recommendation of outgoing Executive Director Ron Woods, the Board of Directors unanimously selected Immediate Past President Rich Rossman to succeed Ron, effective October 1, 2011. Ron and Rich have worked closely together, particularly in planning the New York annual conference in 2010. Rich is working with Ron this year in transition to assuming duties in October.

Rich has been a member of NAFUSA since 1981, when he completed his service as United States Attorney for the ED of Michigan. Rich also served as Jim Robinson's chief of staff in the

Criminal Division at Main Justice, 1998-99. Rich retired from the active practice of law in 2007, where he had been a partner at Pepper Hamilton for 23 years.

Liaison Committee Meets With Attorney General Holder

Fourth Meeting at Main Justice



When the NAFUSA Board of Directors met with Attorney General Eric Holder in April, 2010, the AG suggested that a liaison committee of the board meet with him on a regular basis. It was determined that the Liaison Committee would be composed of six members of NAFUSA and the meetings would take place quarterly. Rich Rossman heads up the committee, which is composed of Bill Lutz, Rick Deane, Matt Orwig, Doug Jones and Wayne Budd.

The committee met with the AG on February 15, 2011, for the fourth time in the series of meetings. Ron Woods attended on behalf of Bill Lutz, who was out of the country. Joe Whitley attended as an alternate for Wayne Budd. Doug Jones was called into court at the last minute and was unable to attend.

The newly appointed Deputy AG, Jim Cole and his PDAG, Lisa Monaco (recently nominated to be the Assistant Attorney General in charge of National Security) and the DAG's Chief of Staff, Stuart Goldberg attended. Gary Grindler, the Chief of Staff to the AG and Monty Wilkerson from the AG's staff also attended.

We began by discussing the status of appointments of US Attorneys, judicial appointments and appointments within the Department. There were 79 confirmed US Attorneys and four pending as of the date of our meeting. There are also significant vacancies at Main Justice, including Assistant AGs for Tax and OLC and for the Director of ATF and for Inspector General. [For a recent article by Andrew Ramonas in *Main Justice* discussing the fact that Texas lacks any Presidentially appointed US Attorneys, [click here](#)--Editor]

We had a brief discussion of examining ways in which NAFUSA can be helpful to the AG and to DOJ. Committee member Doug Jones had been invited to the NAC in November to speak to newly appointed US Attorneys and the AG said we can expect future invitations. We also talked of other discrete projects not involving policy/political issues where we could perform service. We specifically discussed the Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development (OPDAT) as an option.

The AG mentioned that DOJ had done pretty well on the budget, all things considered. Nevertheless, they have a hiring freeze and a ban on non-essential travel. He also mentioned that Civil Rights has been very active, and are breaking records on case filings. Jim Cole said national security was at least 50-60% of what they do at Justice, so budget issues are particularly critical.

We told the AG that we want these meetings to be substantive and not just a "meet and greet." We are serious about finding ways to be of service. The committee feels the AG really views us as a resource, and respects that we bring experience and institutional know-how to the table.

2011 Annual Conference in Santa Fe

September 29-October 1

The Santa Fe Planning Committee has only recently begun to formulate plans for this year's annual conference. The Saturday morning CLE session will include a panel discussion on WikiLeaks. Charlie Savage, *The New York Times* Pulitzer-Prize winning correspondent to the Justice Department, will be the moderator. Charlie was at the New York conference and served as the moderator of the panel on the prosecution of terrorist cases. Ken Wainstein, who was the first Assistant AG in charge of National Security, will also return as a panel participant. In addition, Ambassador Joe Wilson has agreed to serve on the panel. Ambassador Wilson and his wife, Valerie Plame, are the subjects of the new motion picture, "*Fair Game*."



The Friday CLE session will include a panel on Southwest border issues, and Alan Bersin, Assistant Secretary of International Affairs at Homeland Security and Special Representative for Border Affairs (and a NAFUSA member), will participate on the panel, along with Dennis Burke, the United States Attorney for the District of Arizona and Ken Gonzales, the United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico. NAFUSA member Steve Easton, the Dean of the University of Wyoming College of Law will speak on expert witnesses.

Make your reservations early by calling the La Posada de Sante Fe ([Click here to view the hotel's website](#)) by calling 505.954.9686 and mentioning NAFUSA. The conference rate is \$249 a night plus \$12 a day resort fee.

The world famous Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta ([Click here to visit site](#)) will be held in New Mexico October 1-9, 2011. So plan to spend a few extra days in New Mexico.

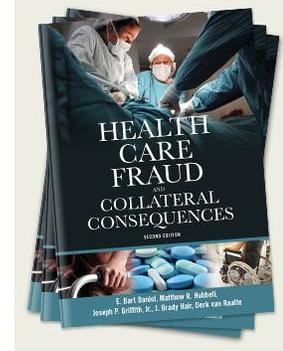
Bart Daniel Co-Authors Health Care Fraud Book

Board Member and Health Care Fraud Expert



NAFUSA board member E. Bart Daniel (District of South Carolina) along with other former prosecutors recently authored *Health Care Fraud and Collateral Consequences Second Addition* (2011). It is timely in light of the recently enacted Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which provides increased funding for prosecutor and investigator positions, creates powerful new investigative tools, lowers the bar for prosecutors and *qui tam* plaintiffs, establishes new criminal offenses and increases the punishment for health care offenses.

This publication discusses these new weapons along with prosecutors' more traditional techniques of search warrants and grand jury probes. It addresses multi-agency investigations, prosecutions and the often devastating collateral consequences. It is designed to serve as a ready reference for private practitioners, prosecutors and health care providers who deal with the enforcement aspects of health care.



2010 Sponsors

NAFUSA Raised \$62,500 in Sponsorship of New York Conference

Although the New York conference exceeded previous attendance records, the Big Apple was expensive. We reduced our conference fees in an effort to assist members in dealing with the added expense. Nevertheless, we would not have been able to do it without our sponsors.

Ernst & Young sponsored the Thursday evening cocktail reception and White & Case the Friday cruise in New York Harbor. We also received major contributions from FTI Consulting and Greenberg Traurig and supporting contributions from Wampler, Buchanan, Walker, Chabrow, Banciella & Stanley, Pepper Hamilton LLP and TrialGraphic/Kroll Ontrack.

Santa Fe will not be as expensive as New York and we will return to our usual conference fee for members. We do, however, need to support and thank our sponsors and encourage other potential sponsors to join us in New Mexico.

New York Photos Available on NAFUSA Website

Hundreds of Photos of October 2010 Conference

In New York, NAFUSA hired a professional photographer from the NY DA's Office who took hundreds of photos during our three day conference and attempted to capture the image of everyone present. The photos have now been posted on NAFUSA's website and can be accessed by clicking here: [2010 New York Conference](#).

In the photo to the right, the photographer caught Robert Morgenthau and Rudy Giuliani at the cocktail reception honoring Mr. Morgenthau.

The video of the two hour panel discussion held at our



New York conference continues to be posted on line by *Main Justice*, whose site can be accessed by [clicking here](#)



Diane Humetewa to Advise ASU on Indian Affairs

Former US Attorney for the District of Arizona



Humetewa, who served as the United States Attorney for the District of Arizona from 2008-2009, was named by Arizona State University as special advisor to the President for American Indian Affairs. She will also be appointed as a professor of practice in the Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law. She will continue to practice in the tribal affairs and natural resources areas with the law firm of Squire, Sanders and Dempsey LLP.

S. Hazard Gillespie Dies

Former U.S. Attorney, 100

Gillespie served as U.S. Attorney in the SDNY in the last years of the Eisenhower administration. He was appointed in 1959 and, according to the *The New York Times*, was known for his aggressive pursuit of securities fraud. He was also a partner at Davis, Polk & Wardwell for nearly 50 years. ([Click here for full obituary in the New York Times](#))

2011 Membership Dues

Dues Notices Sent in January

If you haven't sent in your dues for 2011, please do so as soon as possible. Annual dues are only \$150 and we have nearly 300 active members. We have 29 life time members, who have paid a one time fee of \$1500. If you are able, please consider upgrading to a life membership.

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