
David W. Ogden to Return to WilmerHale

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Deputy Attorney General David W. Ogden announced today that he will leave the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) and his role as Deputy Attorney General on February 5, 2010 to return to private practice at WilmerHale in its Washington DC office. Ogden had been co-chair of the Firm's Government and Regulatory Litigation Practice Group when he left for Government and handled international legal disputes, regulatory litigation, and government investigations.

"We are very pleased that David has decided to return to WilmerHale," said William J. Perlstein, co-managing partner at WilmerHale. "During his time as Deputy Attorney General, he has played a significant role in revitalizing the Department and has accomplished a great deal while seeking justice for the American people. David is an outstanding lawyer with a keen legal judgment. We look forward to his return and we're all eager to begin working with him again."

Ogden was head of the Justice Department Transition Team before being sworn in as Deputy Attorney General on March 13, 2009. In his role at the DOJ, Ogden oversaw the crackdown on the Mexican drug cartels and coordinated the work of various law enforcement agencies that work under the Justice Department.

US Attorney General Eric Holder made the following statement about Ogden's departure: "David Ogden has been an invaluable leader for the Department of Justice and for this Administration. From leading the transition team that established early goals for the Department to spearheading major initiatives such as our effort to fight health care fraud, he has been an effective and diligent advocate for the American people. Through his work here, he has helped reinvigorate the Department's traditional missions, restore its reputation for independence, and make the country safer and more secure. I am sorry to see him go, and I thank him for his service to the Department and to the nation."