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James A. McDevitt was appointed by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate on November 30, 2001.

Prior to his appointment as United States Attorney, Jim was a partner in the Spokane office of Preston Gates Ellis, LLP. Jim's practice emphasized municipal, corporate, commercial and real estate law.

Jim has practiced law for 34 years, including five years as an Assistant Attorney General and Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Washington under former Attorney General Slade Gordon.

While in private practice, Jim counseled local, national and international businesses on such issues as antitrust, business organization, sales and acquisitions of stock or assets, commercial real estate transactions and contract negotiations. He has a broad range of experience in international transactions on behalf of a number of clients, as well as extensive civil litigation experience at both the trial court and appellate level.

Jim is a Vietnam and Gulf War veteran and, following a 35-year career of active and reserve duty, he retired as Brigadier General in the Washington Air National Guard.

Jim resides in Spokane, Washington with his wife, Gretchen. They have two grown sons, Darby and Brendan.

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

The Eastern District of Washington is comprised of the twenty Washington counties east of the crest of the Cascade mountains. The District includes approximately two-thirds of the land area of the state (41,826 square miles) and is home to approximately 23% (1,306,000) of its citizens. The United States Attorney's Office has its headquarters in Spokane, a full-time branch office in Yakima, and a part-time branch office in Richland. The office currently has a staff of 24 Assistant U.S. Attorneys, 29 support staff, and 10 interns. The mission of the office is:

1. To fairly and justly prosecute violations of federal criminal law and to represent the United States and its agencies in civil litigation;
2. To educate and inform the public, including victims of crime, about the functions of the justice system and the rights of all citizens;
3. To assume a leadership role in crime prevention through speaking engagements and community involvement; and
4. To conduct federal and local law enforcement training and facilitate cooperation and collaboration among law enforcement agencies.

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