



Representing a distinguished career beginning with his 1979 graduation from Tulane Law School, Jim Letten's service to his city, state, community, and country as a prosecutor, Naval Intelligence Officer/NCIS Agent, educator and attorney has spanned 38 years and continues unabated to this day.

Most recently, Jim joined Butler Snow LLP as a partner in the law firm's New Orleans office. He bolsters the firm's team of other former federal prosecutors, and further increases the firm's presence and capabilities in the New Orleans area... adding to its existing 350 attorneys and professionals located across 24 offices in the U.S., London and Asia. Currently, he works with the firm's Government Investigations, Compliance and White Collar Group, and provides representation to corporate clients on matters involving the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, anti-money laundering issues, and both domestic and international anti-corruption matters. In fact, he was the keynote speaker on the FCPA at China's 2015 One Belt One Road Trade Initiative kickoff, and authored a chapter on the law for international publication.

Prior to joining Butler Snow, Mr. Letten retired from the Department of Justice as the longest-serving United States Attorney in history and one of only three appointed to the position by successive presidents from different parties. In all, he spent more than eleven and a half continuous years as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana. During this time, Mr. Letten's office and the FBI led the nation in literally hundreds of federal corruption cases leading one local publication to note that Letten's team "attacked corruption with a ferocity unmatched in recent history."

As United States Attorney, Mr. Letten additionally served on the United States Attorney General's Advisory Committee, chaired the Attorney General's Subcommittee on Violent and Organized Crime and co-chaired the Attorney General's Policy Review Panel on Capital Punishment. He also served on the Attorney General's Subcommittees on Terrorism and National Security and Environmental Issues, and also served as the Director of the National Center for Disaster Fraud which he helped establish in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. During his service as U.S. Attorney, Mr. Letten was honored for his leadership during and following Hurricane Katrina with the United States Attorney General's 2006 Medallion for Distinguished Service and the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association's Law Enforcement Professional of the Year Award, among others.

Prior to assuming the position – and ultimately the presidential appointment – as U.S. Attorney, Mr. Letten had been the First Assistant U.S. Attorney in the office for nearly seven years and served as lead counsel in the investigation and four-month trial and conviction of former Louisiana Governor Edwin Edwards. He had previously served on and later led the Justice Department's Organized Crime and Racketeering Strike Force in New Orleans for over six years. During his 38-year legal career, he has litigated literally hundreds of both jury and bench trials in both Federal and State courts. His notable successes include the successful prosecution and

conviction of the entire newly-emerging Mob family in New Orleans, and a high-ranking captain in New York's legendary Gambino family.

Immediately following his retirement as United States Attorney at the end of 2012, Letten assumed the position of Assistant Dean for Experiential Learning at Tulane Law School. In this capacity, he continued to draw on his career, experience base and wisdom to provide Tulane's law students with an increased variety of practical, hands-on legal opportunities.

In addition and largely parallel to his lengthy and distinguished legal career, Jim Letten served in the United States Naval Reserve for 20 years before retiring as a Commander. During his tenure, Commander Letten served as an intelligence officer and for more than 12 years as a fully-credentialed NCIS Agent.

During his lengthy career, Mr. Letten has taught – and continues to teach, lecture, and make presentations on myriad occasions across the country and internationally on a broad spectrum of legal topics. His 2009 address to all of the nations in the former Communist Iron Curtain/Warsaw Pact in Prague drew heavily on his experience fighting corruption in New Orleans. Additionally, Mr. Letten has provided – and continues to provide – expert instruction as a teacher on legal issues to the New Orleans Police Department Academy and to active law enforcement officers in important in-service instruction on constitutionally-permissible search and seizure procedures.

A New Orleans native, Jim and his wife JoAnn have been married for more than 35 years. The couple has two children, two black Labradors and two cats. He is also a proud member of the decade old PT-305 Restoration Team at the national WWII Museum and a lifelong rock drummer.