

# **David Iglesias, J.D.**

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David Iglesias is a leading expert in the fields of terrorism and national security, military justice, and federal prosecutions.

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## **Description**

David Iglesias served as a state, federal and military prosecutor with a focus on national security and terrorism cases. He was the presidentially appointed, Senate confirmed, United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico between 2001-07. Iglesias presided over the largest political corruption investigations and prosecutions in New Mexico history. Captain Iglesias was recalled to active duty U.S. Navy status from 2008-13 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He served as a team leader, senior prosecutor and spokesman with the U.S. Military Commissions, in Washington, D.C. and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, handling war crimes and terrorism cases. He supervised the conviction of the U.S. v. Noor Uthman terrorism case.

CAPT Iglesias testified before the U.S. Senate and House in 2007 concerning the U.S. Attorney firings and wrote a book about the topic, "In Justice" (published 2008). Iglesias initially served on active duty as a U.S. Navy JAG officer between 1985-88 at the Pentagon and Naval Legal Service Office, Washington, D.C. He was a defense counsel in a 1986 Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, court-martial that partially inspired the movie, "A Few Good Men." Then LT Iglesias also defended legendary Navy SEAL Team Commanding Officer Dick Marcinko, author of the "Rogue Warrior" books, in military legal proceedings. Marcinko was the founder of the Navy's premier SEAL Team.

In 1998, Professor Iglesias was the Republican nominee for New Mexico Attorney General. He also served as a prosecutor with the NM Attorney General's Office, General Counsel for the NM Taxation and Revenue Department, senior associate for the Walz law firm, executive advisor for Southwest Border issues for Booz Allen Hamilton and led a national security consulting team, The Soufan Group, in Singapore. Iglesias served on active duty in late 1999 at Fifth Fleet, Bahrain, in support of Operation Southern Watch. He retired from the U.S. Navy in 2014 as a Captain. As U.S. Attorney, Iglesias was a member of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee and chaired the Attorney General's Border and Immigration Subcommittee.

Since 1998, CAPT Iglesias has taught foreign military, intelligence, Ministry of Defense and law enforcement personnel in South America, Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia about border security, law enforcement, counter-terrorism and rule of law issues with the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies, the Joint Special Operations University and the Justice Department.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Law Enforcement, Security, Defense, Military, Training and Development

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## **Topics**

Terrorism, National Security, War Crimes, Military Prosecution, Federal Prosecutions, Legal Ethics, Military Commissions, Police Misconduct, Immigration, Police Use of Force, Rule of Law, Law of War

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## **Affiliations**

Veterans of Foreign Wars : Lifetime Member, National Association of Former United States Attorneys : Lifetime Member, Reserve Officers Association : Lifetime Member

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## **Education**

University of New Mexico School of Law  
J.D. Law

Wheaton College  
B.A. History

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## **Accomplishments**

Honoree in Esquire Magazine's "Best and Brightest" issue  
2009

**Honorable and Professional Conduct Award**  
Awarded by the New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association.  
2009

**Reserve Officer of the Year, USSOCOM**  
Awarded by U.S. Special Operations Command.  
2001

**White House Fellow**  
Conferred by the White House (1994 - 1995).

**Defense Meritorious Service Medal**  
Two Awards

**Meritorious Service Medal**  
Three Awards

**Joint Service Commendation Medal**  
Awarded in the name of the Secretary of Defense

**Navy Commendation Medal**  
Two Awards

**Navy Achievement Medal**  
Presented for meritorious service or achievement in combat or non-combat circumstances

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