



Kenneth Allen Polite, Jr.

On June 27, 2013, President Barack Obama nominated Kenneth Polite, Jr. to become the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana. On September 17, 2013, the U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed Mr. Polite's nomination, and he was sworn in on September 20, 2013.

As U.S. Attorney, Mr. Polite oversees the investigation and litigation of all criminal and civil cases brought on behalf of the United States in the Eastern District of Louisiana, which consists of the following thirteen (13) parishes located in South Louisiana: Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne and Washington. He supervises an office of approximately 55 Assistant U.S. Attorneys, who handle a high volume of cases that include narcotics and arms trafficking, white collar crime, public corruption, gang violence, organized crime, and civil rights violations.

Prior to becoming U.S. Attorney, Mr. Polite was a shareholder at Liskow & Lewis, where he headed the white collar criminal defense group and served as the Firm's hiring partner.

From 2007 to 2010, Mr. Polite served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. There, he prosecuted a wide range of federal criminal offenses, including organized crime, public corruption, narcotics and firearms trafficking, money laundering, and identity theft.

Mr. Polite was an associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, first in the Delaware office's corporate litigation practice from 2000 to 2001, and later, in the New York office's white collar criminal defense group from 2002 to 2006.

Mr. Polite is a graduate of De La Salle High School in New Orleans (valedictorian), Harvard University (A.B., Government), and Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., cum laude). While in law school, he served as Editor-in-Chief of the American Criminal Law Review's Fifteen Survey of White Collar Crime. Following law school, Mr. Polite served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Thomas L. Ambro, Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.