

William J. Edwards  
Acting United States Attorney

William J. Edwards assumed the role of Acting United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio effective March 1, 2008. As the district's chief federal law enforcement official, he is responsible for overseeing all federal criminal and civil investigations and cases in the 40 northern-most counties of the state. In this capacity, he manages a staff of approximately 75 attorneys and nearly 100 support personnel.

A career prosecutor, Mr. Edwards was appointed in 1973 as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Ohio where, since 1993, he has served as the First Assistant United States Attorney. Mr. Edwards has also served as Acting United States Attorney in 1984 and again in 1988 and as Chief of the Criminal Division as well as Senior Litigation Counsel. He began his career in the Department of Justice in 1969 as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation assigned to Boston and New York City.

Mr. Edwards has been a member of the Evaluation and Review Staff which evaluates the performance of the offices of the United States Attorneys since 1992. His expertise is in economic/white collar crime, public corruption, civil rights and general criminal matters. He has also has lectured extensively at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina.

Mr. Edwards has been the recipient of the Director's Award for Executive Achievement in 1996 and again in 2003. He has also been recognized with the 2008 Wings of Excellence Award conferred by the Cleveland Federal Executive Board.

Mr. Edwards received his undergraduate degree from Marietta College in 1966 and his law degree from Case Western Reserve University in 1969. A resident of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Mr. Edwards is married, the father of two sons and the grandfather of five.