



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

BIOGRAPHY

Sarah R. Saldaña

Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

As ICE's Director, Sarah R. Saldaña leads the largest investigative agency within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Created in 2003, ICE has a budget of approximately \$6 billion and has nearly 20,000 employees in 400 offices in all 50 states and 48 countries.

In this role, Director Saldaña advances ICE's mission to promote homeland security and public safety through the criminal and civil enforcement of approximately 400 federal laws governing border control, customs, trade and immigration.

Previously, Director Saldaña served as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas. In that position, she led a staff of more than 200 employees, including approximately 100 attorneys.

Prior to that, she served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, where she prosecuted a variety of criminal cases, including bank and mortgage fraud, civil rights, human trafficking and public corruption. She also served as the Deputy Criminal Chief in charge of the District's Major Fraud and Public Corruption section. Before joining the Department of Justice, she worked in private practice and at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Labor.

Director Saldaña graduated Summa Cum Laude from Texas A&I University and earned her J.D. degree from Southern Methodist University.

Director Saldaña is the recipient of several meritorious awards and was most recently named Latina Attorney of the Year at the Hispanic National Bar Association's 38th Annual Convention. In September 2011, Director Saldaña became Texas's first Latina chief prosecutor.

