

# STRATEGIC PLAN

## Attorney General Priorities

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2000-2005

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*to enforce the law and defend the interests of the United States according to the law; to provide federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime; to seek just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior; to administer and enforce the nation's immigration laws fairly and effectively; and to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.*

### CORE VALUES:

> EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER THE LAW > HONESTY AND INTEGRITY > COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE > RESPECT FOR THE WORTH AND DIGNITY OF EACH HUMAN BEING >

### STRATEGIC GOALS:

#### I

Keep America Safe by Enforcing Federal Criminal Laws

#### II

Prevent and Reduce Crime and Violence by Assisting State, Tribal, Local and Community-Based Programs

#### III

Protect the Rights and Interests of the American People By Legal Representation, Enforcement of Federal Laws and Defense of U.S. Interests

#### IV

Fairly and Effectively Administer the Immigration and Naturalization Laws of the United States

#### V

Protect American Society by Providing for the Safe, Secure, and Humane Confinement of Persons in Federal Custody

#### VI

Protect the Federal Judiciary and Provide Critical Support to the Federal Justice System to Ensure it Operates Effectively

#### VII

Ensure Professionalism, Excellence, Accountability and Integrity in the Management and Conduct of Department of Justice Activities and Programs

### OBJECTIVES:

1.1 Reduce the threat, incidence, and prevalence of violent crime, especially as it stems from illegal use of guns or from organized criminal enterprises;

1.2 Reduce the threat, trafficking, and related violence of illegal drugs by identifying, disrupting, and dismantling drug trafficking organizations;

1.3 Combat terrorist activities by developing maximum intelligence and investigative capability;

1.4 Combat terrorism against the United States by strengthening court intelligence capabilities;

1.5 Combat white collar and economic crime, especially securities crime;

1.6 Combat crimes against children and other vulnerable victims of violence and exploitation.

2.1 Improve the crime fighting and criminal justice administration capabilities of state, tribal, and local governments;

2.2 Reduce youth crime and victimization through assistance that emphasizes both enforcement and prevention;

2.3 Break the cycle of drugs and violence by reducing the demand for and use and trafficking of illegal drugs;

2.4 Uphold the rights of and improve services to America's crime victims;

2.5 Support innovative cooperative and community-based programs aimed at reducing crime and violence and promote resolution of racial tension.

3.1 Uphold the civil rights of all Americans, reduce racial discrimination, and promote reconciliation through vigorous enforcement of civil rights laws;

3.2 Promote the stewardship of America's environment and natural resources through the enforcement and defense of environmental laws and programs;

3.3 Promote economic competition through enforcement of and guidance on antitrust laws and principles;

3.4 Promote the fair, correct, and uniform enforcement of the federal tax laws and the collection of the tax debts to protect the federal fisc from unjustified claims;

3.5 Effectively represent the interests of the United States in all civil matters for which the Department of Justice has jurisdiction.

4.1 Provide timely and consistent services and relieve a substantial reduction in the benefits processing backlog;

4.2 Secure America's borders, especially to reduce the incidence of alien smuggling;

4.3 Improve operational efficiency and organizational effectiveness of the INS workforce;

4.4 Provide accurate, easy-to-use, readily accessible, and up-to-date information to meet planning and operational needs;

4.5 Improve the efficiency of the inspections process for lawful entry of persons and goods;

4.6 Promote public safety by combating immigration-related crimes and removing individuals, especially criminals, who are unlawfully present in the United States;

4.7 Adjudicate all immigration cases promptly and impartially in accordance with due process.

5.1 Provide for the safe, secure, and humane confinement of detained persons awaiting trial, sentencing, or immigration proceedings;

5.2 Ensure that sufficient and cost-effective prison capacity exists so that violent and other serious criminal offenders are imprisoned to the fullest extent of the law;

5.3 Maintain and operate the Federal Prison System in a safe, secure, humane and efficient manner;

5.4 Provide services and programs to facilitate inmates' successful reintegration into society, consistent with community expectations and standards.

6.1 Ensure the integrity and the safe and secure operation of the federal judicial system by protecting judges, witnesses, and other participants in federal proceedings;

6.2 Protect the rights of crime victims and assist them in moving through the processes of the federal justice system;

6.3 Ensure the appearance of criminal defendants for judicial proceedings or confinement through secure transportation, and ensure the apprehension of fugitives from justice;

6.4 Protect the integrity and ensure the effective operation of the nation's bankruptcy system.

7.1 Promote integrity and professionalism to ensure the fair and impartial administration of justice;

7.2 Strengthen internal financial systems and promote the efficient and effective use of resources to ensure public trust and confidence;

7.3 Develop and maintain grant management accountability mechanisms to ensure proper disbursement and monitoring of funds;

7.4 Improve the integrity and security of computer systems and make more effective use of information technology;

7.5 Strengthen human resource performance, retention and recruitment, to ensure a workforce that is skilled, diverse and committed to excellence.

HIGHLIGHT = AG GOAL

\* Items with box around were highlighted