Bioography for Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein

Rod J. Rosenstein was sworn in as the 37th Deputy Attorney General of the United States on April 26, 2017, by Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

Mr. Rosenstein graduated from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, with a B.S. in Economics, summa cum laude, in 1986. He earned his J.D. cum laude in 1989 from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. Upon graduation, he served as a law clerk to Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

After joining the U.S. Department of Justice through the Attorney General’s Honors Program in 1990, Mr. Rosenstein prosecuted public corruption cases as a trial attorney with the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division. He then served as Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General (1993 - 1994), Special Assistant to the Criminal Division’s Assistant Attorney General (1994 - 1995), and Associate Independent Counsel (1995 to 1997).

In 1997, Mr. Rosenstein became an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Maryland. He prosecuted cases in the U.S. District Court and briefed and argued appeals in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He also coordinated the credit card fraud and international assistance programs.

From 2001 to 2005, Mr. Rosenstein served as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He supervised the Division’s criminal sections and coordinated the tax enforcement activities of the Tax Division, the U.S. Attorney’s Offices and the Internal Revenue Service. He also oversaw civil litigation and served as the acting head of the Tax Division when the Assistant Attorney General was unavailable, and he personally briefed and argued federal civil appeals.

Mr. Rosenstein served as the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland from 2005 to 2017. He oversaw federal criminal and civil litigation and developed and implemented federal law enforcement strategies in Maryland. During his tenure as U.S. Attorney, Mr. Rosenstein served on the Washington/Baltimore High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force and on the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee. He also personally litigated cases in the U.S. District Court and in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

President Donald J. Trump announced his intention to nominate Mr. Rosenstein on January 31, 2017. The Senate confirmed his nomination on April 25, 2017.