

Jay Town

U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Alabama



Jay E. Town is the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama. He was one of the first three U.S. Attorneys nominated by President Donald J. Trump on June 12, 2017. Mr. Town was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on August 3, 2017, and sworn in on August 11, 2017.

Mr. Town serves as the Chairman of the Attorney General’s Servicemembers and Veterans Rights Subcommittee and as a member of the Law Enforcement Relations and Coordination; and Management, Performance, and Personnel Subcommittees. He is also the lone U.S. Attorney member of the Attorney General’s Violent Crime Reduction Coordinating Committee. On April 20, 2018, at the invitation of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Director Thomas E. Brandon, Mr. Town joined the National Crime Gun Intelligence Governing Board.

Mr. Town, a former judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps, was a prosecutor in the Madison County District Attorney’s Office from 2005, when he moved to Huntsville, until his confirmation as U.S. Attorney. Mr. Town left the District Attorney’s Office as a senior prosecutor handling a full catalogue of crimes, including capital murder, murder, robbery, and burglary. Mr. Town was also instrumental in forming the Madison County Veterans Court, one of the first such diversionary courts in Alabama dedicated to the physical and mental health needs of veterans in the criminal justice system.

Mr. Town served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 12 years and was honorably discharged in 2008, attaining the rank of major. Before moving to Alabama, he was outside counsel at a large firm in New Jersey focused on commercial defense of major pharmaceutical, commercial, and surety companies involved in litigation with federal agencies.

He has sat on several charitable boards, to include the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, a national organization promoting educational, patriotic, and veterans’ initiatives directed by the living Medal of Honor recipients. He also served as the Chairman of the Foundation’s Audit Committee, President’s Advisory Group and was a member of the Executive Committee. He also serves as a director for America’s Warrior Partnership, which is a national organization that empowers communities to empower veterans through community integration. Mr. Town is an original board member of The Bennie Adkins Foundation, which provides scholarships to veterans in Alabama. He was also the Chairman of the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Alabama for two years and a board member for nearly a decade.

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution awarded Mr. Town the Medal of Honor for his many charitable activities.

Mr. Town has taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Alabama-Huntsville in the Department of Political Science with the curriculum focused on executive war powers and the Geneva Conventions.

Mr. Town earned a bachelor’s degree in government and international relations from the University of Notre Dame in 1995 and received his juris doctorate from the Seton Hall University School of Law in 1998. He is a member of the State Bars of Indiana, New Jersey, and Alabama and the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.