

Diane J. Humetewa
United States Attorney
District of Arizona



On Monday, December 17, 2007, Diane J. Humetewa was sworn in as United States Attorney for the District of Arizona. Currently, Ms. Humetewa sits on the U.S. Attorney General's Working Group for Border and Immigration, LECC/Victim/Community Issues, and Native American Issues.

Ms. Humetewa started at the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1986 as one of the first victim-witness advocates in the federal criminal justice system and helped develop a victim advocacy model that was replicated nationally. She left the office to attend law school at Arizona State University, graduating in 1993. Before rejoining the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1996 as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney then an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Ms. Humetewa was counsel to the U. S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and in the U. S. Department, Office of Tribal Justice.

As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Ms. Humetewa prosecuted violent crime cases including child sex crimes, homicides, assaults, bank robberies, and theft of cultural patrimony cases. She also worked in the Civil Section defending lawsuits brought against the United States and represented the United States' interests in U.S. Bankruptcy Court. In 2001, Ms. Humetewa was promoted to Senior Litigation Counsel/Tribal Liaison and was responsible for managing the Victim Witness Program and fostering relationships between the 21 Indian tribal governments and the U.S. Attorney's Office. Among other subjects, Diane has instructed tribal, federal and state law enforcement and prosecutors in all areas of federal criminal procedure, Indian Country jurisdiction, child abuse, and federal victims' rights laws.

Ms. Humetewa received the Executive Office of United States Attorneys' Director's Award in 1999 for Superior Performance by an Assistant U. S. Attorney. She served as an ad hoc member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, Native American Subcommittee in 2003.

Ms. Humetewa was nominated by President Bush and confirmed by the Senate in 2006 to sit on the Board of Directors for the Morris K. Udall Foundation. Ms. Humetewa is an enrolled member of the Hopi Tribe of Arizona.