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Erik Barnett currently serves as Assistant Deputy Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Mr. Barnett's responsibilities include policy and operational guidance on intellectual property theft enforcement, narcotics trafficking, money laundering, human rights violations and war crimes, counter-proliferation, child exploitation, and international organized crime. Mr. Barnett is also the senior advisor to the Director of ICE for the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center.

Prior to joining ICE, Mr. Barnett was a federal prosecutor in the Eastern District of Virginia. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Mr. Barnett handled a wide range of criminal cases including fraud and government corruption, money laundering, violent crime, and firearms offenses. Mr. Barnett joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2002 as a member of the Major Crimes Unit. Mr. Barnett received a Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant U.S. Attorney.

In 2007, Mr. Barnett was appointed by the Deputy Attorney General to be a Justice Department fellow for the Senate Judiciary Committee and the staff of Assistant Majority Leader, Senator Richard Durbin. Mr. Barnett was subsequently appointed by the Assistant Attorney General as a Deputy Chief of the Domestic Security Section in the Department of Justice's Criminal Division, working on international criminal matters, including human rights violations and violent crimes committed by U.S. contractors overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.

From 1995 – 2002, Mr. Barnett was a state prosecutor in Alexandria, Virginia and before his career as a prosecutor, he worked for two members of the U.S. House of Representatives as a legislative assistant and press secretary.

From 2003 – 2008, Mr. Barnett was an adjunct professor at The George Washington University Law School and is currently an adjunct professor at Georgetown University's law school.