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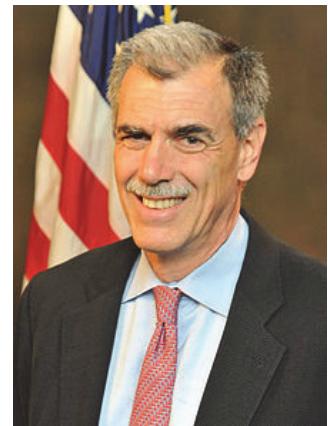
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ABOUT THE HONOREE

Donald B. Verrilli, Jr. is the 46th Solicitor General of the United States.

On January 26, 2011, President Obama nominated Verrilli to succeed Elena Kagan as Solicitor General after she was sworn into the position of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Verrilli was confirmed by the Senate by a 72-16 vote on June 6, 2011 and was sworn in as Solicitor General on June 9, 2011. During his tenure as Solicitor General, Verrilli has argued for the United States in *National Federation of Independent Businesses v. Sebelius*, *Arizona v. United States*, *United States v. Windsor*, and numerous other cases.



Verrilli previously served as Deputy Counsel to President Obama and as an Associate Deputy Attorney General in the U.S. Department of Justice. Prior to his government service, he was a partner for many years in Jenner & Block, and co-chaired the firm's Supreme Court practice. He handled numerous cases in the Supreme Court and the courts of appeals, including *MGM Studios, Inc. v. Grokster*, which established principles of copyright liability for unauthorized digital distribution of copyrighted works, and *Wiggins v. Smith*, which established principles governing the right to effective assistance of counsel at capital sentencing.

Verrilli maintained an active pro bono practice throughout his time in private practice, and received several awards for his efforts. He also taught First Amendment law as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law School from 1992 through 2008. Verrilli received his undergraduate degree from Yale University and his J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he served as editor-in-chief of the *Columbia Law Review*. He served as a law clerk to the Honorable J. Skelly Wright of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and to the Honorable William J. Brennan, Jr. of the United States Supreme Court.

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- 2012: **Reed Brody**, Counsel & Spokesperson, Human Rights Watch
- 2011: **Preet Bharara**, U.S. Attorney for SDNY, U.S. Department of Justice
- 2010: **David C. Vladeck**, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, U.S. FTC
- 2009: **Diane Houk**, Executive Director, Fair Housing Justice Center
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- 2007: **Maria Foscarinis**, Founder and Executive Director,
National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty
- 2006: **Julie E. Dinnerstein**, Deputy Director for Immigration Policy,
New York Immigration Coalition
- 2005: **Nina Perales**, Regional Counsel, MALDEF
- 2004: **Louis Lowenstein**, Professor, Columbia Law School
- 2003: **Lee Gelernt**, Immigrants' Rights Project, ACLU
- 2002: **Nancy Northup**, Democracy Program Director,
Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law
- 2001: **Jeffrey Fagan & Jim Liebman**, Professors of Law, Columbia Law School
- 2000: **Lynn Hecht Schafran**, NOW Legal Defense and Educational Fund
- 1999: **Michael Ratner**, Center for Constitutional Rights
- 1998: **Eric H. Holder, Jr.**, Deputy Attorney General, U.S. DOJ
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- 1996: **Alumni Working at Legal Aid Society & Legal Services Organizations**
- 1993: **Clive Stafford-Smith**, Southern Prisoners Defense Committee
- 1994: **Julius Chambers**, Director-Counsel, NAACP LDF
- 1993: **Harriet Rabb**, Founder, Employment Rights Project
- 1992: **Arthur Kinoy**, Civil Rights Activist and Author
- 1991: **Daniel L. Greenberg**, Director of Clinical Programs, Harvard Law School

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April 10, 2014

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American Friends Service Committee	\$2,000
Appalachian Citizens' Law Center	\$15,000
Center for Children's Advocacy	\$8,000
New York Legal Assistance Group	\$15,000

2012

Alzheimer's Association, NYC Chapter	\$10,064
Centro de Los Derechos del Migrante	\$15,000
Columbia Law School, Student Caravans	\$1,436
Community Legal Services of Philadelphia	\$15,000
Louisiana Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty	\$8,500

2011

Agudath Israel of America Community Services	\$15,000
Initiative for Medicines, Access and Knowledge (I-MAK)	\$15,000
Korean American Community Services	\$12,000
Lutheran Social Services of New York	\$15,000
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc.	\$3,000
Youth Represent	\$10,000

2010

Centro de Los Derechos del Migrante	\$7,500
Initiative for Medicines, Access, and Knowledge	\$7,500
Make the Road New York	\$15,000
South Texas Civil Rights Project	\$15,000
Women Against Abuse	\$15,000

2009

Center for Appellate Litigation	\$11,000
Learning Rights Law Center	\$10,000
The Legal Aid Society of Tennessee	\$9,000
National Immigrant Justice Center	\$10,000
YKASEC	\$10,000

2008

Shelter Legal Services	\$10,000
Grace Texas	\$15,000
Louisiana Justice System	\$10,000
Post-Katrina Immigrant Legal Needs Survey	\$10,000
Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation	\$5,000

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2007

Colorado Legal Services	\$15,000
Florida Institutional Legal Services	\$5,000
Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS)	\$15,000
Neighborhood Economic Development Advocacy Project	\$5,000
Voter Enfranchisement Project	\$15,000

2006

The Door's Legal Services Center, Know Your Rights Program for Unaccompanied Adolescent Immigrants	\$2,000
Heartland Alliance's Midwest Immigrant Rights Center, Immigration Law Online	\$5,565
Idaho Legal Aid Services, Idaho Farm Labor Contractor Law Enforcement Project	\$12,500
Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, Workers Rights Project	\$7,500
Make The Road By Walking, Initiative To Combat Wage Theft	\$7,800
Maryland Disability Law Center, Righting Wrongs	\$3,605
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, Civilian Oversight Policing Project	\$10,000

2005

Appalachian Citizens' Law Center	\$6,000
City Bar Fund, Project FAIR	\$15,000
Legal Services for the Elderly	\$12,000
Queens Legal Services Corporation	\$12,000
Unemployment Action Center	\$1,145

2004

The Bronx Defenders, Parent Liaison Institute	\$10,000
The Legal Aid Society, Kathryn A. McDonald Education Advocacy Project	\$10,000
Legal Aid Society Employment Law Center, Anti-discrimination Advocacy and Analysis Project	\$15,000
Louisiana Crisis Assistance Center, Black Strikes	\$5,000
Unemployment Action Center, Website Expansion and Case Database Project	\$1,332

2003

Asylum Hill Problem Solving Revitalization Ass'n v.	\$5,000
Conn. Housing Finance Authority, Connecticut Civil Liberties Union	
East Harlem Troubled Families Advocacy, LSNY – Manhattan	\$10,000
A Fighting Chance	\$10,000
Incarcerated Survivors of Domestic Violence	\$10,000
Urban Justice Center (Street Vendors)	\$10,000

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2002

Make the Road by Walking, Education Justice and Public School Accountability Project	\$10,000
The Fair Trial Initiative	\$5,000
The Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice	\$9,000
The Urban Justice Center's Sex Workers Project	\$7,000

2001

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation	\$14,000
Hispanic American Council	\$7,500
Housing Discrimination Project	\$7,500

2000

Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights	\$10,000
Legal Assistance of the Finger Lakes	\$8,000
Urban Justice Center	\$12,000
Women Empowered Against Violence (WEAVE)	\$7,500

1999

Mississippi Post-Conviction Counsel Project,	\$10,000
Louisiana Crisis Assistance Center	
Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem	\$10,500
Welfare Law Center, Project Fair Play	\$12,000

1998

CalWORKS & Disability Project of Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County	\$15,000
Immigrant Rights Project of Prisoners' Legal Services of New York	\$15,000

1997

PROMISE (Project to Mobilize Immigrant Students for Education)	\$15,000
Single Room Occupancy Tenants United of the West Side SRO Law Project	\$12,200

1996

Jailhouse Lawyers' Manual Spanish Translation	\$2,100
Legal Voice	\$15,000
Project PODER	\$10,000
Unemployment Action Center Self Help Manual	\$1,100

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1995

African American Community Resource Center, Immigration Project	\$16,750
Farmworkers Legal Services, Latino Civil Rights Project	\$2,000
Lesbian and Gay Youth Project, Legal Action Center for the Homeless	\$8,000

1994

Refugee Assistance Council	\$3,150
Tides Foundation, Title IX Project	\$13,500
Workers Advocacy Project	\$5,000
The Workplace Project	\$10,000

1993

The Homeless Youth Advocacy Project	\$18,000
Lower East Side Local Enforcement Unite	\$5,000

1992

Clemency for Battered Women in California Prisons	\$6,000
Unemployment Action Center	\$2,000

1991

Hermanas Unidas Latina Battered Women's Project	\$8,000
JASA/Queens Legal Services for the Elderly, Elderlaw Hotline	\$5,000

1990

Homeless/HIV Positive Rights Project	\$5,000
Migrant Farmworkers Project of Georgia Legal Services	\$5,000

1989

Civil Liberties Union of Alabama, Children's Rights Project	\$5,000
Team Defense Project, Inc., Georgia Advocacy Project	\$5,000

1988

National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women	\$3,000
Virginia Coalition on Jails and Prisons	\$7,000

1987

Teamsters for a Democratic Union	\$5,000
Tenant's Action Group	\$5,000

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1986

Legal Action Center for the Homeless	\$2,500
Proyecto Libertad	\$8,100
Southern Prisoners Defense Committee, Death Penalty Defense Project	\$7,400

1985

Aid to Incarcerated Mothers	\$3,500
Northern Manhattan Improvement Project	\$8,000
Pro Se Divorce Clinic, MFY Legal Services of Manhattan	\$5,500

1984

Camden Legal Services, Farmworker Health Project	\$6,500
Legal Outreach, Education in the Community Program	\$1,000
Legal Services for the Elderly, Medicare Advocate's Manual	\$7,000
Southern Prisoners' Defense Committee, Death Penalty Defense Project	\$3,500

1983

COLA National Conference for Black Lawyers	\$4,000
Manhattan Valley Housing Clinic	\$7,000
Proyecto Libertad	\$2,000

1982

Coalition for the Homeless, Mental Health Law Project	\$2,500
Community Action for Legal Services, Food Law Project	\$5,000
LAMBDA Legal Defense and Education Fund	\$5,000
Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council	\$1,000

1981

Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Immigration & Alien's Rights Project	\$8,000
Brown Lung Legal Center	\$3,000
Lawyer's Committee for International Human Rights, Political Asylum Project	\$1,000