



Department of the Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network



Charles M. Steele
Deputy Director

Charles M. Steele was appointed Deputy Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) in January 2010. As Deputy Director, Mr. Steele is responsible for working with the law enforcement, intelligence, financial, and regulatory communities to ensure the effective coordination of anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist financing initiatives. He provides operational leadership and performs the full range of supervisory and managerial functions for FinCEN including planning, coordinating, allocating, and assessing tools, capabilities, and resources to best enable FinCEN to continue to efficiently and effectively execute its mission.

Mr. Steele joined FinCEN after 21 years of service at the U.S. Department of Justice. He was an Assistant United States Attorney for four years in the District of Columbia, prosecuting violent crime and drug cases, and then for eight years in Phoenix, Arizona, prosecuting white collar crime cases. He also served in Phoenix as the Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division in charge of the White Collar Crime Unit, working with a wide range of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies on cases involving money laundering and related financial crimes. Mr. Steele then served for four years as a Deputy General Counsel of the FBI, overseeing at various times the Office of the General Counsel's criminal investigative, civil litigation, and national security law branches. He subsequently served for 19 months as Chief of Staff to the FBI Director.

In April 2006 Mr. Steele was selected to lead the team formed to finalize the establishment of the Justice Department's new National Security Division. The Division, which was the first new operational component formed in the Justice Department in 49 years, commenced operations on September 28, 2006. Mr. Steele served in multiple roles in the Division, including as Chief of Staff to the first two Assistant Attorneys General for National Security. Earlier in his career Mr. Steele also practiced law with private sector firms in Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the Georgetown University Law Center.
