

Cynthia Cordes practices in Husch Blackwell's government investigations, compliance and litigation group, where she provides human trafficking training, corporate policies and audits for companies that want to take a proactive approach against human trafficking or are mandated to do so because they have qualifying government contracts or engage in foreign labor contracting. Cordes also leads the firm's newly launched pro bono clinic to provide legal services to victims of human trafficking. During her years with the Department of Justice, Cordes prosecuted more human trafficking cases than any other assistant U.S. attorney in the country and is well known for her innovative use of federal statutes to combat human trafficking. She led a multi-agency human trafficking taskforce of more than 20 federal and state law enforcement agencies, which included the FBI, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of the Inspector General, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the IRS and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Her taskforce also consisted of more than 60 nongovernment agencies and a partnership with three different federal districts. She credits the dedicated law enforcement agents she worked with and the resilience of the victims for the success of the program. The U.S. Attorney General honored Cordes' work by selecting her taskforce as one of the top in the nation, and she was named the Justice Department's Crime Victim Rights Champion of 2013.



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