

## **DAVID M. BARRETT, ESQ.**

### **Biography**

David M. Barrett has practiced law in Washington, D.C. since 1975, specializing in administrative, agency, legislative law, and litigation. His diverse career has included stints in military service (U.S. Navy), Special Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives, Presidential Committees, U.S. Attorney's Office, legal instructor, private practice and Boards of numerous corporate entities. Barrett is the recipient of one of the highest awards bestowed on a civilian by the FBI, the Thomas Jefferson Award. The inscription reads, "To David Barrett with respect and gratitude for your service to the nation, perseverance, and dedication to duty from your colleagues at the Federal Bureau of Investigation," signed Louis Freeh, Director.

Barrett was born in Buffalo, New York, and was raised in South Bend, Indiana, the son of a Notre Dame law professor. Barrett earned a B.A. in English from the University of Notre Dame and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. He attended both schools on academic scholarships and graduated from both with honors. At Georgetown, he was an Editor of the Law Review.

From 1959-1962, between undergraduate and law degrees, Barrett was a member of the United States Navy, having received a commission in the regular Navy. He spent over three years on ships of the Atlantic Fleet and served as Navigator on the staff of Commander Amphibious Squadron 4, and was honorably discharged from the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant.

In the years following law school, Mr. Barrett served as law clerk to the Honorable William B. Jones, Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Barrett then

served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia. Barrett joined the Faculty of the Law School of the University of Notre Dame as an Instructor in Law. In 1968-1969, he served as County Attorney for St. Joseph County, Indiana.

Barrett moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1969, where, over the course of the next several years, he served as Vice President and General Counsel of the William K. Warren Foundation, one of the largest private foundations in the United States. He was a Director of the Vianney School For Girls, a Director of Children's Medical Center, Director and General Counsel of St. Francis Hospital (the largest hospital in the state of Oklahoma), and Vice President and General Counsel of Warren American Oil Company. From 1971-1978, Barrett was a Director of the American Bank of Tulsa, OK, and was one of the original incorporators of that bank.

In 1975, Barrett established private practice in Washington, D.C. at the offices of Barrett & Schuler, and predecessor firms. As Managing Partner, Barrett specialized in administrative, agency, legislative law and litigation. Barrett represented a variety of domestic and international clients.

In 1978-1979, he was retained by the United States House of Representatives as Special Counsel to the House of Representatives Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (Ethics Committee) in a very sensitive matter involving one of the most senior members of the House of Representatives, Representative Daniel Flood, regarding accusations of bribery and related offenses. Barrett completed a lengthy investigation which resulted in Representative Flood resigning from the Congress.

Barrett was appointed by President Gerald Ford to serve on the President's Committee on Mental Retardation, a capacity in which he served from 1976-1979. Barrett also served as a

member of the board for Center for National Law and the Handicapped. (Barrett is the loving father of a mentally retarded daughter.)

In 1995, Barrett was appointed Independent Counsel to the United States by the Special Division of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. He serves in that capacity to the present date.

Mr. Barrett and his wife, the former Kathleen Mary O'Hara, have been married for over 39 years. They are the parents of five adult children.