

Laurie O. Robinson

Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice



Ms. Robinson was sworn in as Assistant Attorney General on November 9, 2009. She previously served as Assistant Attorney General at the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) from 1993 to February 2000. During that time, she oversaw the largest increase in federal spending on criminal justice research in the nation's history, and under her leadership the annual appropriations for OJP grew substantially - from \$800 million in 1993 to over \$4 billion in 2000. At the same time, she also spearheaded initiatives in areas ranging from comprehensive community-based crime control to violence against women, law enforcement technology, drug abuse, and corrections.

Ms. Robinson served as Acting Assistant Attorney General and Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General of OJP from January 2009 until nominated by President Obama in September 2009.

Since returning to the Department of Justice, she has overseen the implementation of the \$2.7 billion in programs for which Congress assigned responsibility to OJP under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; launched a new agency-wide Evidence Integration Initiative to help ensure science-based approaches in OJP-funded programs; and held a series of listening sessions with state and local constituents to learn what OJP can do to better serve the field.

From 2004 until January 2009, Ms. Robinson served as director of the Master of Science Program in the University of Pennsylvania's Department of Criminology. Between 2001 and January 2009, she also served as a Distinguished Senior Scholar in the University's Jerry Lee Center of Criminology and as Executive Director of its Forum on Crime and Justice. Prior to joining the Department of Justice in 1993, Ms. Robinson was the director of the American Bar Association's (ABA) Section of Criminal Justice for 14 years, where she founded the ABA's Juvenile Justice Center.

Ms. Robinson has served on a number of national boards relating to the justice system (including the Board of Trustees of the Vera Institute of Justice (which she chaired), the Board of Directors of the Police Foundation, and the Advisory Board for the George Mason University Administration of Justice Program), has published numerous articles in criminal justice and legal periodicals, and has spoken at hundreds of criminal justice-related conferences and forums. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Brown University and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Yvette Roubideaux, MD

Director, Indian Health Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



Yvette Roubideaux, MD, MPH, a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, SD, is the Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS). Dr. Roubideaux was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as IHS Director on May 6, 2009, and she was sworn in on May 12, 2009. The IHS, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the principal federal health care advocate and provider for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

As the IHS Director, Dr. Roubideaux administers a \$4 billion nationwide health care delivery program composed of 12 administrative Area (regional) Offices. The IHS is responsible for providing preventive, curative, and community health care to approximately 1.9 million of the nation's 3.3 million American Indians and Alaska Natives in hospitals, clinics, and other settings throughout the United States.

Dr. Roubideaux previously worked for IHS for 3 years as a clinical director and medical officer at the San Carlos Service Unit on the San Carlos Apache Indian reservation in AZ, and she worked for 1 year as a medical officer at the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Indian Hospital on the Gila River Indian reservation in Arizona.

Dr. Roubideaux recently served as assistant professor of family and community medicine at the University of Arizona College of Medicine. Dr. Roubideaux has conducted extensive research on American Indian health issues, with a focus on diabetes in American Indians/Alaska Natives and American Indian health policy. Dr. Roubideaux served as the co-director of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians Demonstration Projects, in which 66 American Indian and Alaska Native communities are implementing diabetes prevention and cardiovascular disease prevention initiatives. She also served as director of two University of Arizona programs designed to recruit American Indian and Alaska Native students into health and research professions.

Dr. Roubideaux received her medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1989 and completed a residency program in primary care internal medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston in 1992. She completed her Master of Public Health degree at the Harvard School of Public Health in 1997. She also completed the Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy before transitioning to a career in academic medicine and public health.

She is a past president of the Association of American Indian Physicians and co-editor of the American Public Health Association's book "Promises to Keep: Public Health Policy for American Indians and Alaska Natives in the 21st Century." She has authored several monographs and peer-reviewed publications on American Indian/Alaska Native health issues, research, and policy.