

Sidney Powell

Sidney Powell was a federal prosecutor in three districts under nine U.S. Attorneys from both political parties, then in private practice for more than 20 years. She is past-president of the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit and of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. A veteran of 500 federal appeals, she published [*Licensed To Lie: Exposing Corruption in the Department of Justice*](#), the true inside story of the corrupted prosecutions of Ted Stevens, Arthur Andersen LLP, Merrill Lynch executives, and many others. The book focusses on abusive prosecutors—all of whom rose to very powerful positions in the government. The book continues to be relevant, as its most prominent villain now leads Robert Mueller’s task force investigation the 2106 presidential election. It has recently been discussed by former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich on Cavuto, Hannity, Fox & Friends, with Bill Hemmer, on MSNBC, and on NPR. The book was also featured by John Stossel in a segment of one of his shows on Washington Overlords.

United States Senator Orrin Hatch held the book up to Loretta Lynch during her senate confirmation hearing and told her to “clean up the Department of Justice.” Omega Advisors’ Lee Cooperman encouraged all his investors to read it. Fabled trial lawyer Brendan Sullivan said it’s better than any criminal law school course in schools today, and “it would be malpractice to litigate against the Department of Justice without reading it.”

An accomplished federal practitioner, Sidney speaks frequently, and she has written news-breaking articles on prosecutorial and government misconduct for the [New York Observer](#), the National Review Online, [Fox News](#), [Big League Politics](#), and others. She has spoken with Judge Alex Kozinski to a Harvard Law School class, and at the CATO Institute, filmed for [C-SPAN Book TV](#), and she has appeared on NewsMax TV, [Cavuto](#), and many stations—television and radio.

Ms. Powell is an elected member of the American Law Institute and a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers for which she served in 2001-2002 as President. She has long been a member of the Board of Governors of the Fifth Circuit Bar Association for which she also served as President, as Editor of the Fifth Circuit Reporter, and as program director for the annual appellate practice conference for 20 years.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina, where she also attended law school, Ms. Powell was the youngest Assistant United States Attorney in the country when she began with the United States Attorney’s Office in the Western District of Texas. She later chaired its Appellate Section. Thereafter, she began an Appellate Section for the Northern District of Texas. She also served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia where she obtained the conviction of a local attorney for bankruptcy fraud.

Ms. Powell has also written and taught extensively in the area of federal appellate practice, including for the Attorney General’s Advocacy Institute of the United States Department of Justice. Her most recent legal publication is the Chapter *Evaluating an Appeal—Strategic Thinking Before and During The Appeal* in the book *Appellate Practice in Federal and State Courts* (Law Journal Press, September 2014).

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