



# NATIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

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## **National District Attorneys Association issues statement regarding passing of former Attorney General Janet Reno**

ARLINGTON, Virginia -- The National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) was saddened to learn this morning of the passing of former Attorney General Janet Reno at the age of 78, after her battle with Parkinson's disease. As the country's first female US attorney general, she made tough decisions and was a true class act during her professional career.

Prior to becoming the US Attorney General, Reno served as Florida's State's Attorney in Miami, the first female to ever hold that position. Both in that role and as the chief law enforcement officer for the country, she handled controversial and tough cases. During her tenure as the US attorney general, she oversaw national security and domestic terrorism type cases such as the Unabomber, the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993, and the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

Reno addressed and met with members of NDAA numerous times while Attorney General, including addressing annual meetings and holding a quarterly Executive Working Group meeting with representatives from the association, state attorneys general and US attorneys. Her dedication and comfort with prosecutors was evident, where she was even known to give out her personal cell phone number should any issue arise that needed her attention. Her tenacity and true dedication to seeking justice defined her career, and she will be remembered as a fighter for victims and a true public servant. The association extends its condolences to her family and friends.

*The National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), [www.ndaa.org](http://www.ndaa.org), is the largest prosecutor organization in the country, representing 2,500 elected and appointed District Attorneys across the United States, as well as 40,000 Assistant District Attorneys.*

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