

Biography:

Thomas Burrows is an Associate Director of the Office of International Affairs in the United States Department of Justice, responsible for Europe. He has approximately 17 years of experience as a prosecutor and supervisor of prosecutions in DOJ and with the Manhattan District Attorney, in the areas of public corruption, domestic terrorism, violent street crime, and child exploitation. He currently supervises mutual legal assistance and extradition cases.

In 1999-2000, Mr. Burrows led the Justice Department's efforts to negotiate a Protocol to the United Nations Transnational Organized Crime Convention (UNTOC) that required criminalization of trafficking in persons (TIP) and that all countries treat TIP as a serious organized crime.

Mr. Burrows also became an expert on implementation of the UNTOC and the protocols on migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons. He organized and has taught at numerous seminars in Eastern and Central Europe, as well as the IAP course for junior prosecutors in Siracusa, Italy. He has chaired, since 2010, the UNTOC Working Group on International Cooperation at the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime in Vienna.

Since 2003, Mr. Burrows has also been negotiating agreements with the EU and member states concerning sharing of information for law enforcement purposes, including aviation and border security, and the protection of personal data. He has personally negotiated more than 40 such international agreements and treaties and supervised the negotiation of several others.

Mr. Burrows currently supervises mutual legal assistance and extradition cases for the Department of Justice. He was elected to the Executive Committee of the International Association of Prosecutors in 2012 and continues to serve the IAP as a Senator and Observer to the Executive Committee.