

COMPLETE BIO

Carlos F. Acosta currently serves in the Prince George's County, Maryland Police Department as the Inspector General. In that role Mr. Acosta functions as the independent authority over the Internal Affairs Division, as well as being responsible to investigate systemic or programmatic issues affecting the police department's missions.

Immediately prior to this position, he worked at the United States Department of Justice Criminal Division as the Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT) Mérida Program Manager. In that role he supported the Department of Justice / Department of State mission of fighting organized crime via several programs, including Prosecutorial Capacity Building, Strengthening Government of Mexico Law Enforcement Integrity Systems, Certification of Forensic Laboratories, Extradition Training, Asset Forfeiture, Evidence Preservation and Chain of Custody, and Pretrial Case Resolution.

Mr. Acosta has also served as the Deputy State's Attorney for Prince George's County, Maryland. He was directly responsible for the Homicide, Violent Crime, Gun, Felony Trial, Economic Crime and Grand Jury / Screening Units, in addition to his administrative functions and trial work. Previously, Mr. Acosta was a Trial Attorney for the United States Department of Justice Criminal Division's Gang Squad. Mr. Acosta has also served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia in the Organized Crime and Narcotics Trafficking Section. He began his prosecutorial career as a member of the Montgomery County, Maryland Office of the State's Attorney. Mr. Acosta, currently an adjunct Associate Professor of Law, has been at the American University Washington College of Law since 1997. In that capacity, he teaches in the Trial Advocacy Program instructing courses in prosecutorial ethics, as well as prosecuting complex homicides. Mr. Acosta has served on the faculty of the National Advocacy Center (Columbia, SC). He has been a lecturer both domestically and internationally for various Department of Justice agencies, as well as for the Financial Action Task Force-Le Groupe d'Action Financière (FATF-GAFI) and the United Nations Development Programme. Most recently, he traveled to Panama as part of an American Bar Association – Rule of Law Initiative to assist in a business process review of that country's effort to transform its criminal justice system. He has been a speaker on panel discussions for the American Bar Association on ethical issues for public lawyers, as well as legal issues for Inspectors General.

Mr. Acosta received both a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Arts in English (Rhetoric) from the University of Maryland. In 1991, he received his J.D. from the Southern Methodist University School of Law in Dallas, Texas. He is licensed in the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia.