

Michael Chertoff

Previous Government Service:

- Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (2005 – 2009)
- Federal Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2003 – 2005)
- Assistant Attorney General of the United States, Criminal Division (2001 – 2003)

As Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security from 2005 to 2009, Mr. Chertoff led the country in blocking would-be terrorists from crossing our borders or implementing their plans if they were already in the country. He also transformed FEMA into an effective organization following Hurricane Katrina. His greatest successes have earned few headlines – because the important news is what didn't happen.

Before heading up the Department of Homeland Security, Mr. Chertoff served as a federal judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Earlier, during more than a decade as a federal prosecutor, he investigated and prosecuted cases of political corruption, organized crime, corporate fraud and terrorism – including the investigation of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Mr. Chertoff is a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard College (1975) and Harvard Law School (1978). From 1979-1980 he served as a clerk to Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, Jr.

In addition to his role at Chertoff Group, Mr. Chertoff is also senior of counsel at Covington & Burling LLP, a co-Chair of the Aspen Institute's Homeland Security Group, and a member of the firm's White Collar Defense and Investigations practice group.