

## BIO For Patty Hartman

Patty Hartman has served as Public Affairs Specialist for the Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania since July 2007. Prior to joining the office, Patty was a working member of the media for more than 20 years, working in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and in Wilmington, Delaware.

As the Public Affairs Specialist, Patty serves as the spokesperson for the U.S. Attorney and for the U.S. Attorney's Office. The office prosecutes crimes with a federal nexus, some of which are international in scope and involve interaction with foreign embassies. Examples of those crimes include terrorism, sex tourism, drug trafficking, money laundering, computer crimes, intellectual property rights, and some economic frauds, such as foreign lottery scams. These cases often involve inquiries from, and interaction with, foreign journalists and media outlets from around the globe. The office also prosecutes bank fraud, health care fraud, government fraud, tax fraud, gun crimes, organized crime, and hate crimes. The civil division handles violations of government policies, such as environmental violations and violations of the Food and Drug Act, as well as claims made against government agencies.

The Public Affairs Specialist consults with and advises the U.S. Attorney on matters that involve media attention and advises the office's 133 attorneys on the media policies dictated by the Department of Justice and by the office. Those attorneys frequently consult with her before speaking with a reporter or before being interviewed. Patty often facilitates those interviews for members of the media after determining whether they are appropriate. Patty also advises on and organizes press conferences, writes and/or edits all press releases for the office, writes press statements, information papers, Op-Ed pieces, and talking points as needed. The office has its own quarterly newsletter which Patty formats, designs, writes, and publishes.

Patty is also a member of the office's community outreach team. In that capacity, she is among the participants creating an outreach plan for the office that involves public schools as well as other sectors of the community. It is mission-oriented. Patty also oversees the media components that are relative to the outreach program. On a regular basis, she leads and collaborates with her counterparts at the investigative federal agencies. She advises them on the Department of Justice rules regarding media attention paid to particular cases, when interviews are permitted, and what information can be released to the media. She has built a deep rapport with those colleagues in order to facilitate a better relationship between the agencies and the U.S. Attorney's office.

Prior to becoming the Public Affairs Specialist for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Patty worked as a news writer and news show producer at the NBC affiliate in Philadelphia (WCAU-TV), produced documentaries and interstitial material for the PBS affiliate in Philadelphia, and was an Emmy-award winning segment producer for the FOX Television station. Before entering the television, Patty worked for a news radio station in Wilmington, Delaware as a reporter, copy editor, talk show host, and anchor. In addition to an Emmy award, she has awards from United Press International, the Radio Television and News Directors Association, and the Society for Professional Journalists.