



John T. Webb

From 1978 until he retired in 2011, John Webb was on the U.S. Government team to interdict, investigate, and prosecute domestic and transnational wildlife trafficking and poaching. Beginning at the Department of the Interior, he advised investigators in the Office of Law Enforcement and wrote enforcement regulations, then in 1986 at the Department of Justice he began a quarter-century career in the Wildlife and Environmental Crimes Sections prosecuting hundreds of wildlife trafficking cases. He developed aggressive and innovative prosecution techniques and theories for wildlife cases stepping outside of traditional wildlife offenses, worked with the Sentencing Commission to increase criminal penalties for traffickers, explained best practices at training programs for new and experienced investigators and prosecutors to increase their proficiency, and fostered both national and multilateral cooperation among enforcement agencies. Since his retirement from Justice, John continued to support the anti-trafficking efforts of ASEAN-WEN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations - Wildlife Enforcement Network) and the efforts of ARREST (Asia's Regional Response to Endangered Species Trafficking).