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As U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, Aaron Reitz is the chief federal law enforcement officer and lawyer for 43 counties and over 10 million Texans from Houston to the Rio Grande Valley—one of the largest districts in the nation. His priorities are relentlessly combatting violent crime, illegal immigration, drug and human trafficking, corruption, and fraud. His mission is to faithfully uphold the Rule of Law and protect the public with the energy and commitment the American people demanded when they elected President Trump.

Immediately prior to his service as U.S. Attorney, Reitz was a partner at a national law firm where he represented and counseled clients in litigation and investigations before federal and state courts and agencies, and advised corporations, executives, and public entities on complex constitutional, regulatory, administrative, and commercial disputes.

Prior to that, Reitz served as the presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed head of the Justice Department's Office of Legal Policy (OLP). As the Assistant Attorney General over OLP, Reitz was charged with developing and implementing DOJ's significant policy initiatives, handling special projects that implicate the interests of multiple DOJ components, and serving as the primary policy advisor to the U.S. Attorney General. As Chief Regulatory Officer, Reitz also reviewed and coordinated all regulations promulgated by DOJ. Lastly, he identified and vetted candidates for federal judgeships, and coordinated the nomination and confirmation process with the White House and Senate.

Before DOJ, Reitz served as Senator Ted Cruz's Chief of Staff, where he oversaw domestic policy, legislative, communications, Commerce Committee, Judiciary Committee, and Foreign Relations Committee teams, as well as several regional offices throughout the State of Texas.

Reitz also previously served as Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's Deputy Attorney General for Legal Strategy, where he planned, staffed, and executed the Agency's most consequential affirmative lawsuits and legal initiatives on matters including immigration, federal-state-local relations, election integrity, voting rights, Big Tech, consumer protection, energy, and the U.S. and Texas Constitutions.

Reitz clerked for now-Chief Justice Jimmy Blacklock on the Texas Supreme Court and practiced both corporate law and commercial litigation in Houston and Austin. He graduated from the University of Texas School of Law, where he was President of the Texas Federalist Society and Editor in Chief of the *Texas Review of Law & Politics*.

Before law school, he was an officer in the United States Marine Corps. He spent nearly five years on active duty and deployed to the northern Helmand Province of Afghanistan, where he was embedded with the Afghan National Army. Reitz is still in the Marine Corps Reserve as a Major. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University and was a member of Corps of Cadets.