

Robert L. Listenbee, Jr.

Administrator

Robert L. Listenbee, Jr. is the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. He was appointed to the position by President Barack Obama in February 2013. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Listenbee was Chief of the Juvenile Unit of the Defender Association of Philadelphia for 16 years and a trial lawyer with the association for 27 years. As a member of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, he advised Pennsylvania's governor on juvenile justice policy. Mr. Listenbee served as chair of the Defender Policy Group of the National Legal Aid & Defender Association and on policy committees of the National Center for Juvenile Justice.



Mr. Listenbee also served on the advisory board of the National Juvenile Defender Center and was actively involved in the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change initiative in Pennsylvania. He served as president of the Juvenile Defenders Association of Pennsylvania and was a member of the Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network, which works to improve access to counsel and the quality of representation for Pennsylvania's children.

Mr. Listenbee co-chaired Attorney General Eric Holder's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence and served as a member of OJJDP's Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice, which advises the President, Congress, and the OJJDP Administrator on juvenile justice policy.

Mr. Listenbee received his B.A. degree from Harvard University and his J.D. from the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley.