



David Hickton is a former U.S. Attorney and current director of the University of Pittsburgh Institute for Cyber Law, Policy, and Security. He was nominated for United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania by President Barack Obama in 2010 and held the position until November 2016.

Cybersecurity is a major field of expertise for David, and he is an advocate for cybersecurity vigilance, along with the development of new and innovative methods to defend the nation and combat cybercrime. During his tenure, David Hickton created a dedicated section of the U.S. Attorney's office to focus on cybercrime and national security. He played an integral role in creating legal practices for cybercrime investigations and had several high-profile indictments including five members of the Chinese military for economic espionage, and Russian hacker Evgeniy Bogachev - one of the most prominent cybercriminals in the world. David prosecuted groundbreaking cases including *Darkode*, the largest English-speaking cybercrime forum where information was bought, sold, traded and shared amongst cybercriminals. He was also part of dismantling the *GameOver Zeus Botnet*, a global network of infected victim computers that was designed to be "impossible" to take down.

Combatting the country's opioid crisis is another major focus for David. He co-chaired the National Heroin Task Force and founded the U.S. Attorney's Working Group on Drug Overdoses and Addiction. He brought community prosecutions against large-scale drug traffickers, while working to minimize the stigma and criminalization of addiction and improve access to treatment. He established a civil rights section in the U.S. Attorney's Office and secured fundamental changes th...

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