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## **Seth Adam Meinero**

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Since October of 2012, **Seth Adam Meinero** has been the National Violent-Crime Coordinator in the Executive Office for the United States Attorneys in the Department of Justice. He provides legal and policy counsel on violent-crime issues to United States Attorneys and Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSAs) in all 94 United States Attorneys' Offices nationwide.

He also serves as a liaison to various Department of Justice components, including FBI, ATF, and the Criminal Division of DOJ, and to entities outside of the Department; and provides training to Assistant US Attorneys.

Previous to this, he served as Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. He prosecuted hundreds of violent-crime and narcotics cases in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and the District of Columbia Superior Court, led scores of grand-jury investigations and obtained indictments in 42 felony cases.

### **Subject Area/Topic: Sureño Gangs and the District's Youth**

**Highlights:** Meinero provided a history of the Sureño ("Southerner") gangs that originated in and around Los Angeles in the 1960s through the 1980s, and have spread throughout the United States and to Central and South America, from which the families of many gang members immigrated.

He described how Sureños gangs operate (Sureños is the umbrella term for Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13), 18th Street, and other Latino gangs that originated in Southern California), what the Department of Justice (DOJ) is doing about them, and how we, as citizens in the area, can recognize signs of gang activity.