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**Barry Grissom**  
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Barry Grissom worked in private practice for 27 years before he was nominated by President Barack Obama in 2010 to serve as an U.S Attorney for the District of Kansas.

Grissom focused on civil rights enforcement and community outreach during his tenure and founded the annual Kansas Civil Rights Symposium, a gathering of activists and law enforcement created to repair relations between police and the communities they serve. He was selected by Attorney General Eric Holder to serve as one of 15 members on the Attorney's General Advisory Committee (AGAC), specializing in matters of administration and policy. He created the first human trafficking working group within the Justice Department and helped coordinate the work of nonprofit agencies and victim service providers with local, state and federal law enforcement.

Grissom was the District of Kansas' first criminal prosecutor assigned to carry out the Justice Department's Smart on Crime Initiative, a program designed to help reduce penalties for low-level, non-violent drug users. Grissom directed the district's Project Safe Neighborhood Program, which targeted felons for unlawfully possessing firearms, and supervised the Project Safe Childhood Program, which focused on strengthening federal prison sentences for sex offenders.

Grissom retired from the U.S. Justice Department in 2016 and is currently a partner at Polsinelli P.C. in Kansas City, Missouri, where he focuses on Government Investigations and Compliance. He holds a B.S. from the University of Kansas and a J.D. from Oklahoma City University.

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