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PRACTICES

- Government Relations
- Lobbying
- Public Policy
- Corporate Compliance
- Government Investigations
Defense
- False Claims Act Defense
- Whistleblower
- Legislative & Regulatory
Reform
- National Security Issues

BAR ADMISSIONS

- United States Supreme Court
- Utah State Bar
- Arizona State Bar
- United States District Court,
District of Utah
- United States Court of Appeals
for the Tenth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals
for the Ninth Circuit

Brett Tolman is a former United States Attorney for the District of Utah, the founder of The Tolman Group, a public policy law firm dedicated to holding federal, state, and local governments transparent and accountable, and currently serves as the Executive Director of Right On Crime, a national criminal justice campaign to reduce crime, protect individual rights, and improve public safety. Tolman also serves as Chair of Government Weaponization for America First Policy Institute working with a team of legal experts to expose political vendettas and government overreach in our criminal justice system.

Tolman is a nationally recognized legal expert and a leading figure in the drafting and passage of the 2018 First Step Act under President Donald Trump. Tolman is a frequent contributor and legal analyst for Fox News, Fox Business, Newsmax, Bill O'Reilly and other national media outlets. Additionally, Tolman is a highly sought-after public speaker, a frequent guest of national podcasts, and a subject matter expert in areas of criminal justice for national and regional media outlets.

Prior to serving as U.S. Attorney, Tolman spent more than a decade as a federal prosecutor on hundreds of federal cases ranging from international fraud to National Security violations, to complex RICO and CCE cases. In addition, Tolman served as Legal Counsel to the United States Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington, DC.

During his career, Tolman has provided congressional testimony multiple times on issues ranging from clemency to overcriminalization. Tolman also continues to advise the White House, members of Congress, and state legislators, and other policy stakeholders on criminal justice issues, as well as serving as outside general counsel to numerous clients by providing guidance and legal analysis.

In just three years at the helm of Right On Crime, Tolman expanded the organization's footprint from 9 to 14 states with plans to expand to 22 states by 2029. Tolman has championed landmark criminal justice legislation in 35 states and served as the only non-legislative member of Texas' House Interim Study Committee on Criminal Justice Reform. He is a featured speaker, panelist, and moderator at events such as CPAQ's Annual Conference and the Texas Public Policy Foundation's Texas Policy Summit.



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EDUCATION

- J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, J.D., Cum Laude, 1998
- Brigham Young University, B.A., English, 1994

HIGHLIGHTS

- Executive Director of Right On Crime (2021- Present)
- Chair of Government Weaponization for America First Policy Institute (2024- Present)
- Leading figure in the drafting and passage of The First Step Act signed into law by U.S. President Donald Trump. (2018)
- Selected by the Vera Institute of Justice as one of the most influential people in the Criminal Justice Movement (2018)
- Advised multiple Presidents and multiple Whitehouse Administrations on various public policy issues including those affecting the criminal justice system

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Founder of The Tolman Group (2019- Present)
- Executive Director of Right On Crime (2021- Present)
- Chair of Government Weaponization for America First Policy Institute (2024- Present)
- Share Holder and General Counsel for Miami Steel (2020 – Present)
- Share Holder at Ray Quinney & Nebeker, Chair of White Collar & Government Relations Section (2010- 2019)
- United States Attorney (2006- 2010)
- Chief Counsel for Crime and Terrorism, United States Senate Judiciary Committee (2003- 2006)
- United States Assistant Attorney (1999- 2006)

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Board Member of The Fourth Purpose Foundation
- Board Member of the Due Process Institute
- Board Member of Law Enforcement Leaders

BROADCAST

Tolman's YouTube channel @TolmanTalks features 71 Fox News appearances in just one calendar year (June 2023-2024), as well as contributions to NewsMax, Fox News Radio, C-Span, and various national podcasts and broadcast media- with many more radio and television appearances over Tolman's astute career.

PUBLICATIONS

- Trump Trial Shows the Ominous Evolution of Our Criminal Justice System| Fox News| June 2024
- Trump Mar-a-Lago Case and Felony Warrant are Exhibit A in Political Weaponization of our Justice System| May 2024
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- Texans Deserve a Bail System Based On Risk, Not Riches| Houston Chronicle| September 2021
- No, Criminal Justice Reform Isn't Causing the Current Crime Wave |Washington Examiner| August 2021
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- We Don't Need to Abolish the Police. We Need To Fundamentally Reform the Institution |The Federalist| June 2020
- Reforming America's Community Supervision System | The National Review| March 2020
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- Justice Dept., Under Siege from Trump, Plows Ahead with His Agenda, NY Times, August 3, 2017
- Indictment dismissed against Utahn accused of exporting F-16 aircraft parts to Indonesia, Salt Lake Tribune, August 1, 2017
- Trump Should Reject Sessions' Stance on Sentencing Reform, Op-Ed, Real Clear Politics, June 28, 2017
- It's Not Soft on Crime to Improve Public Safety Outcomes in the Justice System, Op-Ed, Washington Examiner, May 20, 2017
- Justice Denied, National Law Journal, Robert Steinbuch and Brett Tolman (August 2010)
- That Ain't Kosher, Robert Steinbuch and Brett Tolman, University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Review (Fall 2010)