



Christina L. Playton
Criminal Division Chief

Christina Playton serves as the Chief of the Criminal Division for the Western District of Texas. In that role she oversees the work of over one hundred Assistant U.S. Attorneys and manages leadership teams in Alpine, Austin, Del Rio, El Paso, Midland, San Antonio, and Waco. Prior to being named Criminal Division Chief, Christina's leadership experience included service as Deputy Criminal Chief and Chief of the OCDETF/Drug section in the San Antonio Division. Before joining the leadership team Christina worked as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in San Antonio in the major crimes, white collar, drugs, and national security units, prosecuting a wide variety of federal offenses, including national security, health care fraud, drugs, firearms, immigration, complex white-collar crime, and violent crime cases. Christina began her legal career in 1995 as a state prosecutor in Miami, Florida where she handled a wide variety of state prosecutions. Christina also served as an Assistant District Attorney in New York and Texas and exclusively handled high profile complex white-collar and public corruption matters before moving her practice to federal court. Christina began her federal service as Assistant Chief Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security representing the United States in immigration court. Christina graduated from the University of Miami School of Law and is licensed to practice law in Florida, New York, and Texas.