



Stuart Delery, having just recently stepped down from the role of United State Acting Associate Attorney General, held the highest ever position for an LGBT leader in the Justice Department. He was appointed to that position originally under the leadership of Eric Holder and then continued to serve under Loretta Lynch. Mr. Delery began working at the Department of Justice on Inauguration Day 2009, originally serving as a top aide. He was then promoted to the chief of the civil divisions before being selected for the Acting Associate Attorney General position. He argued at the appellate level against the so-called Defense of Marriage Act. He litigated subsidies of the Affordable Care Act, financial fraud cases, and public health matters. Attorney General Holder stated, "Stuart is a lawyer's lawyer." In addition, Mr. Delery coordinated the government-wide implementation of the *Windsor* decision from issuing the first green cards within days after the decision, to helping oversee vast database updates throughout the military and social security systems.

Mr. Delery was a partner at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP where he focused on complex litigation, high-profile international internal corporate investigations, and constitutional and federal law. During his time there, he represented twelve service members in one of the earliest "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" challenges, in which he argued that the law violated his clients' right to privacy, free speech, and equal protection under the law. Mr. Delery holds a J.D. from Yale Law School, 1993 and a B.A. with Highest Distinction from University of Virginia, 1990.