

CHRIS ASPLEN, J.D.

Mr. Asplen joined the law firm of Smith Alling Lane in 2002. A former Assistant United States Attorney in Washington DC, Mr. Asplen was appointed the Executive Director of the United States Attorney General's National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence in 1998. Its mission was to maximize the value of DNA in the criminal justice system.

As Executive Director of the Commission, Mr. Asplen worked closely with both Attorney Generals Reno and Ashcroft to develop DNA policy for the Department of Justice. He testified before Congress to help appropriate over \$160 million for forensic DNA testing. He has also testified before numerous state and city legislative bodies and presented at over 100 national and international conferences. He has appeared on various national and international news and information broadcasts such as CNN and 60 Minutes.

Mr. Asplen also has extensive experience training law enforcement investigators and prosecutors about DNA. Prior to joining the United States Attorney's Office, he was the Director of the DNA unit of the National District Attorney's Association where he trained prosecutors and law enforcement officers on the effective use of DNA technology to solve and prosecute crimes.

In August 2001, he received the United States Attorney General's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Public Safety.