



Andrew G. Arena Executive Director

Andrew G. Arena was born in Dearborn, Michigan and raised in Detroit. He obtained a Bachelor of Science in June 1985 from Central Michigan University and also studied in England at Cambridge University. In May 1988, he received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Detroit School of Law.

Mr. Arena entered on duty with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as a Special Agent in June 1988. His first office of assignment was the Albany Division, Syracuse Resident Agency, where he worked general criminal and organized crime matters. During the next few years, he was assigned to Los Angeles, FBI Headquarters, and Cleveland – Youngstown Resident Agency. While in Youngstown, investigations focused on the systemic public corruption and organized crime that had long plagued the area.

Mr. Arena was designated Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Division by then Director Louis J. Freeh in March 2002. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11th, Mr. Arena returned to FBI Headquarters, where he was promoted to Chief of the International Terrorism Operations Section. In February 2004, Mr. Arena was promoted to the position of Special Agent in Charge of the New York Division, where he was responsible for all criminal investigations in the New York Office. In March 2007, Mr. Arena was transferred to Michigan to head the Detroit Division of the FBI. He held this position until his retirement with the Bureau in May, 2012, with over 23 years of dedicated service with the FBI.

In June 2012, Mr. Arena assumed the duties of Executive Director of the Detroit Crime Commission. The Detroit Crime Commission was established in September 2011 as a nonprofit organization whose ultimate goal is to improve the quality of life for people in Detroit and southeast Michigan, lessening the burdens of government by facilitating the identification, prevention, and investigation of crime. This office continues to grow and make a difference in and around the Detroit area under Mr. Arena's leadership.

Mr. Arena is married and has three daughters.