



**Name:** David Addington

**Born:** January 27, 1952, in Washington, D.C.

**Profession:** Attorney

**GW Bush Administration Position:**

- Chief of Staff, and former legal counsel, to Dick Cheney.

**War crime charge(s):**

- Complicity in the commission of a war crime – torture, ill-treatment of detainees.
- Helped write the policy papers justifying torture and maintaining that the Geneva Conventions do not apply to detainees at Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib ( <http://www.nnadb.com/people/575/000107254/> ). Helped to shape an August 2002 opinion from the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) that said torture might be justified in some cases. Principal author of November 2001 memo establishing military commissions. Advised on March 2003 memo justifying torture.

**Primary Association:**

- Vice President for Domestic and Economic Policy Studies, Heritage Foundation, Washington DC

**[Excellent biography page on Addington by The Center for Torture Accountability](#)** .

**More Information:**

- The Dark Side, by Jane Meyer
- <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/cheney/themes/addington.html>
- [7-11-09 Cheney Is Linked to Concealment of CIA Project](#)
- [9-29-09 Profile: Jay S. Bybee](#)
- [8-27-10 Heritage picks up former Cheney aide](#)

### Notable Quotes:

"I can't talk to you, al Qaeda may watch C-SPAN." [Avoiding answering questions](#) in Congressional hearing about torture.

"You could look and see mouths moving. I infer that there was communication going on." ( [Describing an interrogation](#) he had witnessed at Guantanamo Bay before Congressional hearing.)

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From [Officials of Torture](#) , website of Sandra Koponen.



<https://www.aclu.org/files/accountability/torturers/swi...>