

David A. Javdan

David A. Javdan, an accomplished lawyer with a background in finance and a long history of public service, was selected as general counsel of the U.S. Small Business in June 2002.

As general counsel, David serves as the principal legal adviser to Administrator Barreto and the agency's senior staff on issues involving the development and execution of SBA policies and programs and interpretation of the legislative intent of Congress.

Prior to David's current position, he has served as an attorney in the New York office of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP. His focus has been on regulatory law, helping to eliminate the burdens created by overlapping and conflicting international, national and state jurisdictions. He also served as counsel to one of Europe's largest banking groups.

David established his first small business when he was 15 and served as counsel to his family's real estate business and his father's medical practice. He has been dedicated to the cause of bringing justice to Holocaust survivors. He served for several years as *pro bono* special counsel to the New York State Senate. He represented the Austrian Jewish community in negotiations before the U.S. Departments of State and Justice. David has helped found and counsel *pro bono* a number of community and charitable organizations, including the JED Foundation, a national organization dedicated to college suicide prevention and the Iranian American Jewish Federation.

David earned his bachelor's degree from Columbia College, New York, NY, in American Government and International Relations and his juris doctor from Fordham University School of Law.

