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## Top Skills

Transatlantic Relations  
European Affairs  
Public Diplomacy

## Languages

French (Full Professional)  
English (Native or Bilingual)

# Spencer P. Boyer

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for European and NATO Policy

Washington DC-Baltimore Area

## Summary

Spencer P. Boyer is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for European and NATO Policy. In this capacity, he is responsible for managing the day-to-day defense relationship between the US and NATO, the EU, and over 40 European countries. Directly before his appointment to DoD, he was the Director of the Washington Office of the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law; an Adjunct Professor at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University; and a Senior Fellow with the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy & Global Engagement at the University of Pennsylvania.

Spencer's government service also includes senior roles in both terms of the Obama administration. From 2014 – 2017, he was the National Intelligence Officer for Europe in the National Intelligence Council—the center for long-range strategic thinking within the U.S. Intelligence Community. During the first term of the administration, he served as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs. He has been the executive director of a Georgetown University-based NGO and a senior fellow, director, or visiting scholar with numerous think tanks, including the Brookings Institution, the Center for American Progress, the Center for Transatlantic Relations at Johns Hopkins SAIS, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. He began his career as an associate with a major DC law firm and as a lawyer with international courts and tribunals in The Hague, Zurich, and Paris.

Spencer has been a guest analyst with numerous news outlets, including CNN, BBC, MSNBC, FOX, ABC, CTV (Canada), and Voice of America, and is widely published on public policy matters. Among other professional distinctions, he has been a Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow at Harvard Law School. He is admitted to the Bars of the District of Columbia, New York, and New Jersey, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is a graduate of Wesleyan University and received his J.D. from New York University

School of Law. While at NYU, he also obtained a master's degree in French Studies.

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## Experience

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for European and NATO Policy - International Security Affairs

February 2021 - Present (2 years 7 months)

Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service

Adjunct Professor - BMW Center for German and European Studies & the Security Studies Program

August 2013 - July 2021 (8 years)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

New York University School of Law

Director of the Washington Office - The Brennan Center for Justice

November 2018 - February 2021 (2 years 4 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation

Board Member

October 2018 - February 2021 (2 years 5 months)

University of Pennsylvania

Senior Fellow - Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy & Global Engagement

May 2018 - February 2021 (2 years 10 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

APCO Worldwide

Senior Counselor - Global Problem Solvers Group, International Advisory Council

May 2017 - February 2021 (3 years 10 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Biden-Harris Transition Team

Agency Review Team Member - Intelligence Community

October 2020 - January 2021 (4 months)

The Brookings Institution

Nonresident Senior Fellow - Center on the United States and Europe  
July 2017 - February 2019 (1 year 8 months)  
Washington, D.C.

Sentinel Resource Group, LLC  
Senior Advisor and Director of Research  
June 2017 - November 2018 (1 year 6 months)  
Santa Clara, CA & Washington, D.C.

Office of the Director of National Intelligence  
National Intelligence Officer for Europe - National Intelligence Council  
March 2014 - May 2017 (3 years 3 months)  
Washington D.C. Metro Area

The Johns Hopkins University - Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced  
International Studies (SAIS)  
Visiting Scholar and Senior Fellow - Center for Transatlantic Relations  
December 2011 - March 2014 (2 years 4 months)  
Washington D.C. Metro Area

The Wilson Center  
Public Policy Scholar - Global Europe Program  
January 2013 - April 2013 (4 months)  
Washington D.C. Metro Area

U.S. Department of State  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs  
August 2009 - December 2011 (2 years 5 months)

Center for American Progress  
Director of International Law and Diplomacy; Security and Peace  
Initiative Fellow  
2005 - 2009 (4 years)

Harvard Law School  
Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow  
2007 - 2008 (1 year)

The Constitution Project - Georgetown University, Public Policy  
Institute  
Executive Director and War Powers Initiative Director

2003 - 2005 (2 years)

International Chamber of Commerce  
Counsel - International Court of Arbitration  
2001 - 2002 (1 year)  
Paris, France

Providian Financial Corporation  
Director of Corporate Affairs  
2000 - 2001 (1 year)  
San Francisco, California

Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Accounts in Switzerland  
Staff Attorney  
March 1999 - December 1999 (10 months)  
Zürich, Switzerland

United Nations, International Criminal Tribunal for the former  
Yugoslavia  
Law Clerk to Her Excellency Judge Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, President  
1997 - 1998 (1 year)  
The Hague, Netherlands

Jones Day  
Associate  
1995 - 1997 (2 years)

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## Education

New York University School of Law  
JD, specializing in public international law and the work of international  
organizations · (1992 - 1995)

New York University  
MA, French Studies (French politics, history, and economy) · (1993 - 1996)

Wesleyan University  
BA, English · (1987 - 1991)

Middlebury College

Summer Program, French · (June 1991 - August 1991)

New York University

Summer Program in Paris, French language and culture · (June 1989 - August 1989)