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## Top Skills

AML

Background Checks

Computer Forensics

## Honors-Awards

DHS Senior Fellow

University of Texas (UT) Center for Identity Advisor/Board Member

# Patrick J. L.

Permanent Deputy Director and Acting Director  
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

## Summary

Distinguished thirty one year career in government and law enforcement includes service at the highest echelon of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and its Homeland Security Investigations Directorate (HSI). Held enterprise-wide responsibility for developing, implementing, and managing national and international security programs and complex domestic and international investigations leading to the dismantling of transnational criminal organizations (TCOs) and improved protection of national security. Currently Acting Deputy Director of DHS - Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), one of the world's premier security and law enforcement organizations. Held responsibility for more than 20,000 employees including over 7,000 investigators in 400 offices across 53 countries. Over 400 special agents are assigned to embassies and consulates protecting national security around the world.

In one of DHS's highest profile leadership positions, recognized for creating and managing a culture of justice relying upon respect, diversity, values, honesty, integrity, ethics, courage, dignity, and resolve.

Leadership experience spans governance, counterterrorism, counter-proliferation, human trafficking, drug trafficking, physical security, asset protection, intelligence and investigations, cybersecurity, risk management, compliance, financial crimes, travel programs, and continuity of operations. A pragmatic and resourceful senior leader known for leading innovative breakthroughs and change initiatives to identify and mitigate threats to national security, as well as people, travel, and financial systems. Nominated for one of the country's top security/law enforcement awards.

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## Experience

## U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Permanent Deputy Director and Acting Director

July 2023 - Present (2 months)

United States

Report to Office of the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. Lead the Agency's mission to protect the nation ensuring that the capacity exists to effectively manage all functions and interagency obligations and that performance at all levels meets or exceeds the highest security and law enforcement standards in America.

Lead ICE day-to-day operations leading over 21,000 employees including 7,000 HSI criminal investigators, 6,000 officers in Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), and personnel assigned to more than 400 offices across the U.S. and around the world.

## U.S. Department of Homeland Security

21 years 3 months

Executive Associate Director

July 2021 - July 2023 (2 years 1 month)

Washington DC-Baltimore Area

Executive Associate Director for Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). HSI is the principal investigative component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), responsible for investigating, disrupting, and dismantling transnational criminal organizations and terrorist networks that threaten or seek to exploit the customs and immigration laws of the United States. HSI's workforce consists of over 10,000 employees, including special agents, criminal analysts, mission support personnel and contract staff assigned to over 220 offices throughout the United States and over 50 countries globally.

Acting Deputy Director For ICE & Permanent Executive Assistant  
Director of HSI

July 2021 - July 2023 (2 years 1 month)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Report to Acting Director and Office of the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security serving in an amalgamation of several executive roles, one as the Agency's Chief Operating Officer. Oversee the entire Agency's mission to protect the nation ensuring that the capacity exists to effectively manage all functions and interagency obligations and that performance at all levels meets or exceeds the highest security and law enforcement standards in America.

Oversees ICE's day-to-day operations leading over 21,000 employees including 7,000 HSI criminal investigators, 6,000 officers in Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), and personnel assigned to more than 400 offices across the U.S. and around the world.

Provides administrative oversight of the DHS \$8.5 billion budget which includes the HSI budget of \$2.2 billion. Oversees operations, intelligence, and administrative functions within the HSI workforce with over 10,000 employees including special agents, criminal analysts, mission support personnel, and contract staff assigned to more than 250 offices across the U.S. and more than 80 offices worldwide.

#### Acting Executive Associate Director HSI

January 2021 - July 2021 (7 months)

Washington DC-Baltimore Area

Acting Executive Associate Director for Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). HSI is the principal investigative component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), responsible for investigating, disrupting, and dismantling transnational criminal organizations and terrorist networks that threaten or seek to exploit the customs and immigration laws of the United States. HSI's workforce consists of over 10,000 employees, including special agents, criminal analysts, mission support personnel and contract staff assigned to over 220 offices throughout the United States and over 50 countries around the world.

#### HSI Assistant Director (AD), Director of International Operations

March 2019 - January 2021 (1 year 11 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

The Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) International Operations Division is the international division of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). We protect U.S. borders by conducting multi-faceted, international law enforcement operations and partnering with foreign and domestic counterparts to combat criminal organizations and prevent terrorist activities.

HSI International Operations is the largest international investigative component in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), interacting with the international community on behalf of ICE through investigations of immigration and customs violations, management of the Visa Security Program and the International Visitors Program, representation with international organizations, delivery of international training, and guidance on repatriation efforts.

## Areas of Responsibility

HSI International Operations has a network of personnel, deployed around the world, who conduct investigations against terrorist and other criminal organizations that threaten our national security. HSI International Operations disrupts and dismantles transnational criminal organizations that seek to exploit America's legitimate trade, travel and financial systems, and enforces U.S. customs and immigration laws at and beyond our nation's borders to prevent threats from entering the United States.

### HSI Special Agent in Charge (SAC)

March 2017 - March 2019 (2 years 1 month)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Special Agent in Charge for Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Washington, D.C. The SAC oversees seven offices and is responsible for all field operations in the District of Columbia and the state of Virginia, which include a broad cadre of special agents, intelligence analysts, and a professional administrative staff. These offices are charged with enforcing HSI's investigations and operations targeting cross-border/transnational criminal organizations that exploit America's travel, trade and financial systems for illicit purposes.

### HSI Deputy Assistant Director (DAD)

July 2016 - March 2017 (9 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Deputy Assistant Director (DAD) for the Cyber Crimes Division within U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). In this capacity, I'm responsible for strategic planning, national policy implementation and the development and execution of operational initiatives. I have oversight of employees and contractors responsible for providing investigative services to HSI Special Agents located throughout the United States and abroad. These services include oversight of the HSI Cyber Crimes Center (C3), to address transnational cybercrime threats and the criminal exploitation of the Internet through specialized units which focus on cybercrime, computer forensics, and child exploitation investigations and the HSI Forensic Laboratory.

### HSI Deputy Special Agent in Charge (DSAC)

August 2014 - July 2016 (2 years)

Greater Philadelphia Area

Deputy Special Agent in Charge (DSAC) for the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) regional field office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

As DSAC I'm responsible for leading transnational criminal investigations conducted by approximately 180 personnel in 6 HSI offices based in cities throughout Pennsylvania, Delaware, and West Virginia in an area of responsibility encompassing more than 16 million inhabitants.

HSI Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC)

May 2012 - August 2014 (2 years 4 months)

HSI Greater Denver Area

HSI Special Agent/Chief of Staff to the Deputy Director

March 2010 - May 2012 (2 years 3 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Special Agent/Operations Chief

September 2009 - March 2010 (7 months)

Special Agent/Special Assistant - Operations

May 2008 - September 2009 (1 year 5 months)

Special Agent/Operations Manager

November 2007 - May 2008 (7 months)

Special Agent

May 2002 - November 2007 (5 years 7 months)

National Security Agency

Special Agent

March 2002 - May 2002 (3 months)

Fairfax County Government

Police Officer

April 1997 - March 2002 (5 years)

United States Navy

Cryptologic Technician

June 1990 - June 1995 (5 years 1 month)

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## Education

American University

Executive Leadership Certificate · (2014 - 2015)

Rutgers University - Camden

Liberal Studies · (2005 - 2007)

Saint Joseph's University

MS, Criminology · (2003 - 2006)

George Mason University

BS, Psychology · (1997 - 2000)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

· (1995 - 1996)