

BIOGRAPHY



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Patrick J. Lechleitner

Deputy Director and Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Director

Patrick J. Lechleitner is the Deputy Director and Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Director for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Mr. Lechleitner is responsible for providing strategic leadership, direction and oversight to a workforce of more than 20,000 employees. Through their work, he is responsible for an agency tasked with enforcing our nation's more than 400 federal statutes related to immigration enforcement, preventing terrorism and combatting the illegal movement of people and goods. Prior to assuming his current position, Mr. Lechleitner served as the acting ICE Deputy Director for two years.



Previously, Mr. Lechleitner served as the Executive Associate Director for HSI. HSI is the principal investigative component of the Department of Homeland Security, 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 approximately 10,400 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.

Throughout his career Mr. Lechleitner held several key leadership positions for HSI. Mr. Lechleitner served as the Assistant Director for HSI's International Operations Division and the Special Agent in Charge for HSI Washington, D.C. Mr. Lechleitner also served as the Acting Assistant Director for the National Security Investigations Division as well as the Deputy Assistant Director overseeing HSI's Cyber Crimes Division.

Prior to becoming a special agent with the U.S. Customs Service and then HSI in Philadelphia, PA, Mr. Lechleitner was a Fairfax County Police Officer. Before starting his law enforcement career, Mr. Lechleitner was a member of the U.S. military, where he served as a U.S. Navy signals intelligence specialist supporting national security interests.

Mr. Lechleitner holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from George Mason University in Virginia, a Master of Arts degree in Criminology from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, and a graduate certificate in Executive Leadership from American University in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the Senior Executive Service and a Senior DHS Fellow.