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John E. Smith is Acting Director of the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), which is responsible for administering economic and trade sanctions in furtherance of U.S. national security and foreign policy goals. OFAC implements sanctions against targeted foreign states, regimes, terrorists and their financial supporters, international narcotics traffickers, transnational criminal organizations, and weapons of mass destruction proliferators. As Acting Director, Mr. Smith oversees the four components of the agency: Compliance and Enforcement; Global Targeting; Sanctions Policy & Implementation (including the Licensing, Policy, and Regulatory Affairs Divisions); and Resource Management. Mr. Smith served as an OFAC Associate Director from April 2007 to September 2014, supervising the agency's Compliance, Licensing, Policy, and Regulatory Affairs Divisions, and as Deputy Director from September 2014 to February 2015. Prior to joining OFAC, Mr. Smith served as an expert to the United Nations' Al-Qaida and Taliban Sanctions Committee from 2004 to 2007 and as a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice from 1999 to 2004. Mr. Smith holds a JD degree from Columbia Law School in New York and bachelor's degrees in journalism and political science from the University of Missouri-Columbia.