

## **Hilary Batjer Johnson Biography**

### **Deputy Coordinator for Homeland Security, Screening, and Designations**

#### **Bureau of Counterterrorism**

Hilary Batjer Johnson is the Deputy Coordinator for Homeland Security, Screening, and Designations in the Bureau of Counterterrorism (CT). She oversees three offices: Office of Homeland Security (HS), Office of Terrorist Designations and Sanctions (TDS) and the Office of Terrorist Screening and Interdiction (TSI). In this capacity, Hillary manages whole-of-government approaches to protecting the homeland on cross-cutting counterterrorism and homeland security issues such as transportation and cargo security, global supply chain security, counterterrorism-related cyber security and international critical infrastructure security and resilience, to include energy infrastructure protection. Hillary also oversees the designations of foreign terrorist organizations and individuals under authorities of the Secretary of State and terrorism screening and interdictions programs, to include terrorism information sharing negotiations and agreements with foreign partners to combat terrorist travel.

Prior to assuming this position in December 2013, Hillary served as Director of the Office of Homeland Security, coordinating within the CT Bureau and the Department and with the interagency community on homeland security and related issues with a counterterrorism and foreign policy nexus. Hillary joined the CT Bureau in the Fall of 2005, where she served as the Deputy Homeland Security Advisor and later the Deputy Director for the Office of Homeland Security. Prior to joining the CT Bureau, Hillary served on the Department of State's Policy Planning Staff (S/P) under Secretaries Powell and Rice, responsible for broad Western Hemisphere policy issues. Prior to this position, Hillary served in the Office of Policy Planning and Coordination for the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs (WHA) covering issues ranging from human rights and trafficking in persons to hemispheric security and homeland security. While in WHA, she was detailed to serve in the Office of the Under Secretary for Political Affairs overseeing regional and bilateral policy issues in the Western Hemisphere on an as-needed basis, and served on rotation at Embassy Bogotá, Colombia as the short-term Human Rights and Labor officer. Hillary joined the State Department September 1999 as a Presidential Management Fellow (PMF).

Hilary is a native of Washington State. She is a member of the Senior Executive Service and received her MPIA from the University of California, San Diego's School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) and her BA from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington State..