

## Matt A. Mayer Biography

Matt A. Mayer is a visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where he works on homeland security, counterterrorism, domestic preparedness and response issues, immigration, and border security. He serves concurrently as president of Opportunity Ohio, which advocates for free markets, job creation, entrepreneurship, and government accountability in Ohio to improve the state's economic climate.

Before joining AEI, Mr. Mayer served as counselor to the deputy secretary of the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS). He provided policy and operational advice to senior officials at DHS. He also has served as the acting executive director, senior policy advisor, and chief of staff of the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness where he managed the \$3.5 billion DHS office to meet the demands of a post-9/11 environment in America.

Mr. Mayer has worked on national security and homeland security issues for various institutions. Before DHS, he was the deputy director of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies where he codeveloped a system to notify stakeholders electronically of all proposed regulations.

His books include "The Founding Debate: Where Should the Power over Our Lives Reside" (Provisum Strategies, 2013); "Taxpayers Don't Stand a Chance: Why Battleground Ohio Loses No Matter Who Wins (and What to Do about It)" (Provisum Strategies, 2012); and "Homeland Security and Federalism: Protecting America from outside the Beltway" (Praeger Security International, 2009). His many articles have been published in law reviews, public policy journals, and daily newspapers. Mr. Mayer appears regularly on television, including Fox News, C-SPAN, and other major media outlets. He has also testified before the US Congress, the Texas State Senate and House of Representatives, and the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives.

Mr. Mayer has a law degree from the Moritz College of Law at Ohio State University and a B.A. from the University of Dayton.

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