

## **Matt O'Brien – IRLI Director of Investigations**

Mr. Matthew J. ("Matt") O'Brien serves as Director of Investigations at the Immigration Reform Law Institute (IRLI) and is responsible for overseeing IRLI's investigations into fraud, waste, abuse and other misconduct in the application and enforcement of America's immigration laws. Mr. O'Brien has nearly 30 years of experience in immigration law and policy. Prior to joining IRLI, he was an Immigration Judge, sitting on the U.S. Immigration Court at Arlington, VA. From 2016 to 2020, he served as the director of research at the Federation for American Immigration Reform. From 2008 to 2016, he held a number of positions at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security including Assistant Chief Counsel with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Senior Advisor to the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman, and Chief of the National Security Division at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. From 1997 to 2003, he was an immigration attorney in private practice, in Boston and New York. From 1996 to 1997, he served as a District Adjudications Officer with the former Immigration and Naturalization Service. He holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Maine School of Law, a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs from the Institute of World Politics (IWP) and a Bachelor of Arts in French from the Johns Hopkins University. He is currently a doctoral candidate in IWP's Statecraft and National Security Program. Mr. O'Brien is a member of the Bar of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts and the District of Columbia Bar.