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**Amy S. Hess**  
**Executive Assistant Director**  
**Science and Technology Branch**

In January 2014, Ms. Amy S. Hess was appointed by FBI Director James B. Comey, Jr. to serve as Executive Assistant Director of the Science and Technology Branch, with oversight responsibilities for the Criminal Justice Information Services, Laboratory, and Operational Technology Divisions.



Ms. Hess began her career as a Special Agent with the FBI in January 1991. Upon completion of New Agents Training, she was assigned to the Kansas City field office where she investigated violent crimes, gangs, and drug trafficking organizations. She was also an applicant assessor, a firearms instructor, and a charter member of the office's Evidence Response Team.

In 1999, Ms. Hess transferred to the Louisville field office and served as its first Joint Terrorism Task Force Coordinator before being promoted to Supervisory Special Agent of the counterterrorism and counterintelligence squad in 2002. In 2005, she was selected to be an Assistant Inspector/Team Leader in the Inspection Division.

In 2007, Ms. Hess was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Phoenix field office, assigned to the Tucson Resident Agency, where she was responsible for all operational and administrative matters in the Tucson, Sierra Vista, Yuma, and Lake Havasu City Resident Agencies. During this assignment, she was temporarily deployed as the on-scene commander of the FBI's counterterrorism operations in Afghanistan.

Ms. Hess returned to FBI Headquarters in 2008, where she was promoted to chief of the Executive Staff Section in the National Security Branch and, subsequently, the International Operations Division. In these capacities, Ms. Hess had broad oversight responsibilities in support of the FBI's domestic and international operations. In 2010, she reported to the Memphis field office as the Special Agent in Charge, overseeing all FBI personnel and operations in the Middle and Western Federal Judicial Districts of Tennessee.

In August 2011, Ms. Hess was promoted to Assistant Director of the Operational Technology Division, overseeing the development and delivery of sophisticated technical capabilities which enable and enhance the FBI's investigative and intelligence missions.

Ms. Hess is originally from Jeffersonville, Indiana, and holds a degree in Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering from Purdue University. She is married to Robert J. Novotny who retired from the FBI in 2004, after nearly 33 years of service.