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Michael T. McCarthy is the Deputy Inspector General of the Export-Import Bank of the United States and currently leads the Office of Inspector General. He provides overall direction to the teams of auditors, investigators, and inspectors responsible for improving the programs and operations of Ex-Im Bank and preventing and detecting fraud, waste, and abuse.

Mr. McCarthy is a career public servant who has worked in all three branches of government. Before joining Ex-Im Bank, he was a senior executive at the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Administrative Conference of the United States, and previously served at the U.S. Department of Justice. For the U.S. House of Representatives, Mike served as deputy staff director and general counsel to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and as staff director of that panel's Subcommittee on Government Management. He was law clerk to U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema (E.D. Va.). Mr. McCarthy graduated with honors from Harvard Law School and received a B.A. from Georgetown University, where he was a Big East All-Academic swimmer. Mike and his wife, Carrie Wilks, have three daughters.

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