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Seth Stodder was appointed by President Obama to serve as Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Threat Prevention and Security Policy, within the Office of Policy, in June 2015. Assistant Secretary Stodder leads a team advising Secretary Johnson and senior DHS leadership on a wide variety of issues relating to security threats to the U.S. homeland, and on how to address them while preserving the civil liberties and privacy rights we all cherish. Among other things, Assistant Secretary Stodder oversees DHS policy development on the screening of people moving through the global and domestic travel and transportation systems and across U.S. borders, visa policy, law enforcement policy, among many other issues.

A longtime expert in national and homeland security law and policy, Assistant Secretary Stodder also teaches Counterterrorism, Civil Liberties, and Privacy Law at the University of Southern California Law School. Prior to his appointment at DHS, Assistant Secretary Stodder was a partner in the law firm of Obagi & Stodder LLP, practicing civil and criminal trial and appellate litigation and immigration law, and also President of Palindrome Strategies, LLC., a consulting firm advising on a variety of issues relating to homeland security. He also served as a Senior Associate with the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Senior Fellow at the George Washington University Homeland Security Policy Institute, and was closely involved in the development of the first Quadrennial Homeland Security Review and the National Strategy for Global Supply Chain Security. Earlier in his career, Assistant Secretary Stodder was a lawyer at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, as well as Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, practicing appellate and constitutional law.

This is Assistant Secretary Stodder's second tour of duty at DHS. Earlier in his career, Assistant Secretary Stodder served in the Bush Administration as Director of Policy and Planning for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and Counselor/Senior Policy Advisor for CBP Commissioner Robert C. Bonner. In that role, he was closely involved in the development and implementation of the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT), the Container Security Initiative (CSI), and the pre-departure APIS/PNR and "24 Hour Rule" information collection requirements, among a variety of other initiatives focused not only on securing the borders of the United States, but also on facilitating the secure flow of lawful travel and trade across our borders and throughout the global economy.

Assistant Secretary Stodder is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court and California bars, has a J.D. from the University of Southern California Law School, and a B.A. from Haverford College. He is from Los Angeles, California.