



ROBERT R. WELLS

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

FBI COUNTERTERRORISM DIVISION



Mr. Wells began his career with the FBI as a Special Agent in 2003. He was assigned to the Washington Field Office, where he investigated both counterterrorism and counterintelligence matters, and served as a crisis negotiator.

In January 2010, Mr. Wells was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent in the Counterterrorism Division, International Terrorism Operations Section I, where he managed the programs for international terrorism investigations in multiple west coast field offices.

In October 2011, Mr. Wells was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent of the Joint Terrorism Task Force in the Louisville Field Office, where he was responsible for all international and domestic terrorism investigations, as well as the Weapons of Mass Destruction Program and special events.

In March 2015, Mr. Wells was promoted to Assistant Section Chief in the Counterterrorism Division, International Terrorism Operations Section I. During his tenure, he led several units and managed programs for international terrorism investigations throughout the United States.

In March 2017, Mr. Wells was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge in the Washington Field Office. In this position, he was responsible for all international terrorism investigations in Washington, DC and Northern Virginia.

In August 2018, Mr. Wells was promoted to Chief of Staff for the Deputy Director. He led the Deputy's staff and assisted the Deputy with oversight of all criminal, national security, and intelligence programs in the FBI.

In October 2019, Mr. Wells was promoted to Deputy Assistant Director of the China Branch in the Counterintelligence Division. He was responsible for oversight of the FBI's China Mission Center and China related investigations throughout the United States.

In October 2020, Mr. Wells was selected as the Special Agent in Charge of the Charlotte Field Office.

In September 2022, Mr. Wells was selected as the Assistant Director of the Counterterrorism Division.

Prior to joining the FBI, Mr. Wells was a U.S. Probation Officer in the Western District of Kentucky. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Western Kentucky University. He is married, and he and his wife have five children.