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Nathalie R. Asher is the Executive Associate Director for Enforcement and Removal Operations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Washington, D.C. As the Executive Associate Director (EAD), Ms. Asher leads ERO in its mission to identify, arrest, and remove aliens who present a danger to national security or are a risk to public safety, as well as those who enter the United States illegally or otherwise undermine the integrity of our immigration laws and our border control efforts. She was appointed EAD in August 2018. Prior to this assignment, Ms. Asher was the Deputy EAD for Enforcement and Removal Operations.



Prior to joining the federal civil service, Ms. Asher served in the U.S. Army as a Russian linguist and military intelligence analyst. In 1994 she joined the National Drug Intelligence Center as an intelligence research specialist. Ms. Asher transferred to the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in Seattle in 1996 where she continued her work in the intelligence field.

Since 1998, Ms. Asher has worked her way through the ranks of Enforcement and Removal Operations as a deportation officer, supervisory detention and deportation officer, and assistant field office director. In 2010, Ms. Asher was promoted to Field Office Director for ERO Seattle. In this capacity, Ms. Asher was responsible for the states of Washington, Alaska and Oregon and led a team of nearly 220 employees. Ms. Asher had oversight over a large contract detention facility and was credited for strengthening relationships with stakeholders in both the law enforcement and NGO communities.

In August 2016, Ms. Asher accepted the position of Deputy Assistant Director, Field Operations for Enforcement and Removal Operations, overseeing 24 field office directors nationwide, and their domestic and foreign operations throughout the immigration enforcement life cycle. Ms. Asher assumed the role of Assistant Director for Field Operations in November 2016 where she supported senior leadership in ERO's oversight of programs and operations that identify, arrest, detain, and remove illegal aliens from the United States.

Ms. Asher graduated from Cedarville University with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Business. She is a member of the Senior Executive Service.
