

Biographical Sketch - Barbara L. Strack

Barbara Strack retired as Chief of the Refugee Affairs Division at US Citizenship and Immigration Services at the Department of Homeland Security in 2018, after 27 years of federal government service. She led that office for 12 years, with responsibility for managing overseas refugee interviews as well as related antifraud, national security, quality assurance, and training initiatives. Prior to working at USCIS, Ms. Strack's experience included both the public and private sectors, including leading an NGO initiative promoting immigrant integration and directing the policy office at the former Immigration & Naturalization Service during the Clinton Administration. She also worked for a Senate subcommittee staff and practiced law at O'Melveny & Myers in Washington, DC.

Ms. Strack has frequently spoken on refugee-related topics at conferences and in various media outlets. She has been a guest lecturer at American University Washington College of Law, the University of Michigan Law School, the Center for Forced Migration Studies Summer Institute at Northwestern University, and the University of Virginia. She currently serves on the Advisory Committee for Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program.

She is a graduate of Brown University and the University of Michigan Law School, and holds a certificate from the University of Oxford's International Summer School in Forced Migration. She received a Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service.