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Michael Ball is the Acting Assistant Director for the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Global Trade Division (GTD) and is responsible for the operational activities for HSI GTD's national programs related to trade enforcement, intellectual property, and counter proliferation investigations. Mr. Ball also serves as the Acting Director of the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center (IPR Center).

Prior to this assignment, Mr. Ball served as the Division Chief of the HSI GTD IPR Center, where coordinated the federal government's response to combat global intellectual property theft, enforce intellectual properties rights violations, and protect public health and safety.

Mr. Ball has held various leadership positions within HSI. Mr. Ball served as an Assistant Special in Charge (ASAC) for the HSI Special Agent in Charge (SAC) office, Baltimore, Maryland where his investigative division included the HSI investigative missions of Human Trafficking, Child Exploitation Crimes, National Security, the Identity and Benefit Fraud Task Force and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) task force. Mr. Ball has also served in the key HSI leadership positions of: Division Chief for HSI's Domestic Operations Division at HSI Headquarters in Washington, DC; HSI Domestic Operations Chief -North; and a Group Supervisor for HSI SAC Detroit, where he supervised several investigative groups including the Michigan Trafficking and Transnational Crimes Task Force (MT3).

Prior to his employment with HSI, Mr. Ball was a Special Agent with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General and as a Special Agent with the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID). Mr. Ball holds a Bachelor of Education degree from Southern Illinois University and is a graduate of the American University Executive Leadership Program. Mr. Ball is a U.S. Army combat veteran with multiple long-term foreign postings including the countries of Panama, Korea, and Bosnia.