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Interim President and CEO

Chief Operating Officer, National Safety Council

Nicholas Smith is the Chief Operating Officer at the National Safety Council, where he is focused on commercial and day-to-day operations. Direct responsibilities include: Marketing, Sales and Customer Services, Business Systems and Operations, Safety Education and Training, and Workplace Strategies, Volunteer Services, Membership, Campbell Institute, and Research.



Before joining NSC, Nick was co-founder and managing principal of ICS Consulting, a full-service, compliance consulting and auditing firm. In addition, he co-developed ICS's proprietary compliance software solutions, including ICSEval, EZcertOrigin and SecureID®. After multiple years of successive growth, the firm was acquired by a large, New York-based security and compliance consulting firm, where Nick continued to provide consulting and advisory services.

Previously, Nick served as Chief of Staff for the largest investigative agency within the Department of Homeland Security. He oversaw the day-to-day activities of the agency, which had more than 17,000 employees and a budget of more than \$5 billion. Nick's responsibilities included coordinating the agency's activities with the White House and DHS, and its associated agencies, as well as implementing new policy directives and identifying efficiency opportunities to ensure the agency met key enforcement goals.

Prior to joining DHS, Nick spent nearly 10 years working in the U.S Senate in various leadership positions. He concluded his Hill career serving as Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's press secretary and deputy chief of staff. While working with Sen. Frist, Nick acted as the key communications coordinator on all of his major legislative initiatives, including health care, education and foreign affairs. In this role, Nick also served as a communications liaison between Senate Leadership and the White House. In addition, he was the treasurer in 2000 and president in 2001 of the United States Senate Press Secretaries Association.

Nick is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University.