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**U.S. Immigration  
and Customs  
Enforcement**

## **Matthew T. Albence**

Deputy Director and Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Director  
for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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Matthew T. Albence is the Deputy Director and Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Director (Acting Director) for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

As ICE's senior law enforcement official, Mr. Albence executes oversight of ICE's day-to-day operations and oversees a workforce of more than 20,000 officers, special agents, attorneys, and mission support professionals assigned to more than 400 domestic and international offices, with a budget of more than \$7 billion.

Prior to his selection as Acting Director, Mr. Albence served as the agency's Deputy Director, selected for this position in August 2018 to lead the nation's vital immigration enforcement efforts. Prior to this assignment, Mr. Albence served as the agency's Executive Associate Director (EAD) for Enforcement and Removal Operations, leading 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. He was appointed EAD in February 2017. In this role, Mr. Albence led an organization of more than 7,600 employees assigned to 24 ERO field offices and 22 overseas locations.



Previously, Mr. Albence served as the Assistant Director for the ERO Enforcement Division where he was responsible for all ERO enforcement programs and initiatives.

Acting Director Albence has 25 years of federal law enforcement experience, beginning his career in San Antonio as a Special Agent with the former U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS) in 1994. He was promoted in 1999 to Supervisory Special Agent, San Antonio. Mr. Albence's supervisory experience also includes positions as Deputy Assistant District Director for Investigations, Chicago; Associate Special Agent in Charge, Chicago; Deputy Special Agent in Charge, Detroit; Unit Chief for the ICE Office of Investigations Training Academy, Glynco; TSA Deputy Special Agent in Charge of the South Central Regional Field Office; and Deputy Assistant Director for the ERO Criminal Alien Division.

Mr. Albence received a B.S. in Justice and a M.S. in Administration of Justice. He is a member of the Senior Executive Service.