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Mr. Matthew J. Strait is a 20 year veteran of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). His contributions to the DEA spans several regulatory roles specifically relating to entities authorized to possess controlled substances, currently surpassing 1.85 million nationwide. These roles include such activities as: importation, exportation, manufacture, distribution, prescribing, and dispensing.

Since 2017, Mr. Strait serves as chief policy advisor for the Diversion Control Division. He is the senior advisor to the Assistant Administrator on a broad range of policy issues impacting the DEA's vast registrant population.

From 2015 - 2017, Mr. Strait directed day-to-day operations of DEA's Congressional Affairs Section. The section responsible for assistance to the United States Congress on comprehensive legislation action. From 2009 to 2015, Mr. Strait served in the Congressional Affairs Section as a liaison where he worked to address important policy goals, including: drug disposal, synthetic drugs, anabolic steroids, quotas, and access to controlled substances by emergency medical professionals.

From 2004 - 2009, Mr. Strait served as the Unit Chief of DEA's Quota and UN Reporting Unit. The unit responsible for oversight and adjudication of quota applications filed by DEA-registered manufacturers of schedule I and II controlled substances. Prior to 2004, Mr. Strait served as a Drug Science Specialist in the DEA's Drug and Chemical Evaluation Section. This section began his DEA career in 1999 and where he fulfilled many of DEA's reporting obligations pursuant to various United Nations' treaties.

Mr. Strait graduated from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia Tech with both a Bachelor ('95) and Master of Science ('97) degrees.