THE COUNCIL ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION LEADERS



Parney Albright

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

- Internationally recognized expert on weapons design – specifically ballistic and cruise missile defense systems
- Served as Assistant Director for the DHS's Office of Science and Technology Policy and as Senior Director for R&D
- Served as the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security in the DHS from 2003-2005
- Served as principal scientific advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security on issues associated with science, technology, and biological, nuclear, and chemical terrorism



Ross Ashley

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security and National Guard

Current Role: Senior Director at KPMG US

- Expert on emergency management, federal grant management, and business development for major procurements.
- Confirmed by the Senate as Assistant Administrator of the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate within the DHS in 2007
- Founding Executive Director of the National Fusion Center Association, working closely with the DHS
- Intelligence officer with the Virginia Air National Guard and the US Air Force Reserve



Douglas Baker

Former White House Homeland Security Council

Current Role: Founder of Baker Global Advisory

- Served as Special Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Senior Director for Border and Transportation Security Policy during the Busch Administration
- Developed and managed programs impacting border and transportation security
- Managed the creation and implementation of the National Strategies for Aviation Security and Maritime Security and the Executive Order on Surface Transportation.
- Oversaw programs maintaining terrorist-related watch lists and screening procedure



Randy Beardsworth

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

- Expertise in maritime security, border & transportation security, law enforcement, and immigration policy.
- Served on the National Security Council staff under three presidents, as the Director of Defense Policy
- Served as COO for the Border and Transportation Security Directorate
- Served as Assistant Secretary for Strategic Plans at DHS, creating a long-ranging vision for the agency and overseeing its counterterrorism strategic planning



Scott Boylan

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: Partner at StoneTurn

- Served as Senior Advisor to Secretaries Tom Ridge and Michael Chertoff at the Department of Homeland Security
- Developed immigration policies and established operational procedures and standards for immigration at the DHS
- Served as the DHS's representative to CFIUS, and was responsible for developing and implementing the CFIUS process



Dan Brown

Former U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Current Role: Partner at Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP

- Expertise in counseling business immigration and immigration enforcement
- Former Counselor to the Assistant Secretary and Director of Policy with ICE
- Served as the Deputy Associate General Counsel for Immigration at the DHS
- Currently partner at the world's largest immigration law firm, focusing on I-9 and E-Verify issues



Theresa Cardinal Brown

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: Senior Advisor at the Bipartisan Policy Center

- Expertise in immigration and border policy
- Worked in the DHS under both the George W. Bush and Barack Obama administrations
- Director of the Immigration Legislation Task Force for the DHS Office of Policy
- Served as a policy advisor in the office of the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)



Christa Brzozowski

Former National Security Council

Current Role: Former Assistant Secretary at U.S. Department of Homeland Security

- Expert in homeland security, economic policy, and global trade
- Former Assistant Secretary for Trade and Economic Security at the DHS, focusing on safeguarding critical supply chains, countering forced labor, and mitigating national security risks tied to foreign investment and transnational crime
- Senior member of the White House National Security Council



Gus Coldebella

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: Partner at True Ventures

- General Counsel at the Department of Homeland Security
- Experience counseling clients on nation-state cyber attacks and complex technology-driven risk issues



Barbara Comstock

Former Member of U.S. Congress

Current Role: Senior Advisor at Baker Donelson

- **Former Congresswoman serving two terms representing Virginia's Tenth Congressional District**
- **Former chair of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee's Research and Technology subcommittee**
- **Former Director of the Office of Public Affairs for the DOJ, overseeing communications at the DOJ and FBI, including communications related to major terrorism investigations**



Elaine Dezenski

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: Senior Director of the Center on Economic and Financial Power at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies

- **Former Deputy and Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy Development at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security**
- **Served on the Transportation Security Administration's Aviation Security Advisory Committee**
- **Former chair of the TSA's Air Cargo Security Subcommittee**
- **Served on the Chairman's Council on China Competition at the Export-Import Bank of the United States**



Julie Dunne

Former General Services Administration

Current Role: Head of Federal Procurement Practice at Monument Advocacy

- **Expert in cybersecurity and government management**
- **Former Deputy Executive Secretary in the Secretary's office of the DHS**
- **Former Associate General Counsel for General Law in the Office of the General Counsel of the DHS**
- **Former Senior counsel with Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs**



Marc Frey

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: Executive Director at Bancroft Global Development

- **Former Chief of Staff for the Office of Policy Development in the DHS**
- **Former Director of the Visa Waiver Program in the DHS**
- **Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies' International Security Program**
- **Member of the American Council on Germany**



Susan Ginsburg

Former 9/11 Commission

Current Role: CEO & Co-Founder at Criticality Science

- **Former senior counsel at the 9-11 Commission**
- **Served on the first DHS Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Advisory Committee**
- **Served on the Rice-Chertoff Secure Borders Open Doors Advisory Committee with the DHS**
- **Author and former adviser to the US Treasury and State Department.**



Sharon Hardie

Former Defense Intelligence Agency

Current Role: Founder of Hardie Advisors, LLC

- **Over 25 years of experience focusing on aerospace & defense, national security, and information & emerging technology**
- **Former Director of Legislative Affairs for the Defense Intelligence Agency**
- **Former Chief of Staff for the DHS National Protection and Programs Directorate**
- **Member of the Board of Directors of the National Defense Industrial Association**



Francis Hoang

Former Associate White House Counsel

Current Role: CEO & Co-Founder at BoodleBox

- **Former Associate White House Counsel and Special Assistant to the President**
- **Deployed in Afghanistan and the Balkans as a U.S. Army Special Forces officer**
- **Co-Organizer of the Afghanistan Departure Group**



Buzz Jacobs

Former White House/National Security Council

Current Role: Founder & Strategic Advisor

- **Served as the Director of Immigration Security Policy on the White House Homeland Security Staff**
- **Worked with George W. Bush to secure the U.S. Border and reform the immigration system**
- **Experience designing initiatives to counter terrorism, enhance security along U.S. borders, and strengthen immigration enforcement**



Hillary Johnson

Former U.S. Department of State

- **Served as a distinguished member of the Senior Executive Service at the United States Department of State**
- **Former Deputy Coordinator for Homeland Security, Screening, and Designations at the U.S. Department of State**
- **Worked on strengthening global aviation and border security, enhancing counterterrorism efforts, and advancing critical infrastructure protection**
- **Led U.S. national security initiatives and collaborated with international partners on counterterrorism and security standards**



Janice Kephart

Former Border Counsel to the 9/11 Commission

Current Role: CEO & Founder of ZipID, Inc.

- **Former Border Counsel to the 9/11 Commission, shaping U.S. border and identity security policy and co-author of 9/11 and Terrorist Travel**
- **Senior Counsel on the Senate Judiciary Committee, advising on immigration, border, and national security legislation including the REAL ID Act**
- **Founder and CEO of Identity Strategy Partners and creator of ZipIDapp.com, with leadership roles in DHS biometric and identity programs**



Prakash Khatri

Former Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: President & Managing Attorney at Khatri Law Firm, LLC

- **Nationally recognized expert on Immigration law and process**
- **Served as Ombudsman for Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) within the DHS**
- **Leads legal practice focusing on filing issues involving USCIS, CBP, ICE, and the Department of State**



Mark Koumans

Former Deputy Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Current Role: Founder of Foreign and Domestic, LLC

- **Former Deputy Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and senior executive at the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Protection**
- **Extensive leadership in border security, immigration, and international affairs**
- **Former Foreign Service Officer with multiple overseas assignments, leading security negotiations, counterterrorism and trade initiatives, and global information-sharing programs**



Jeff Krilla

Former Assistant Secretary of U.S. Department of State

Current Role: Vice President for Global Public Policy and Government Affairs at Kosmos Energy

- **Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor within the State Department**
- **Member of the Council on Foreign Relations**
- **Served as Senior Advisor on Africa at Bloomberg and Naval Attaché for the US Navy Reserve**



Joe Maher

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: International Trade & National Security Partner at Nixon Peabody LLP

- **Former Chief Legal Officer at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, overseeing more than 2,000 attorneys**
- **Served as DHS Chief Intelligence Officer and Principal Deputy General Counsel for over a decade,**
- **Partner at Nixon Peabody LLP, advising on international trade, national security, and cross-border legal issues**



Lynden Melmed

Former U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Current Role: Partner at Berry Appleman & Leiden LLP

- **Former Attorney with the DOJ and DHS**
- **Counseled the Senate Committee on Immigration, Border Security, and Citizenship**
- **Former Chief Counsel of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**
- **Serves on the Advisory Board of the Migration Policy Institute**



Deborah Waller Meyers

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: Director for Canadian Affairs at DHS

- 30 years of experience in border security, immigration policy, and homeland security, serving five U.S. Presidents
- Directed DHS engagement with Canada as Director for Canadian Affairs, coordinating bilateral efforts on counterterrorism, border management, and cybersecurity
- Negotiated and implemented major U.S.–Canada initiatives, and the Beyond the Border security and competitiveness agenda
- Former analyst and policy leader at the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform and Carnegie Endowment



Hans Miller

Former U.S. Transportation Security Administration

Current Role: Principal at VFR Concepts

- Aviation security expert and entrepreneur
- Formerly held several executive roles within the TSA
- Advised senior leaders in the DHS on security strategies and innovation
- Lead the first TSA checkpoint launch post-9/11



John Mitnick

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: Partner at Scale LLP

- Legal expert with 30+ years of experience specializing in national security, serving both the private and government sectors.
- Former General Counsel of the DHS
- Former Associate Counsel to the President
- Serves on the Board of Directors of Draganfly Inc, a drone technology company



Robert Mocny

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: Strategic Advisor in North America for the Biometrics Institute

- **Domestic & international security policy expert specializing in immigration and technology**
- **Directed US-VISIT, a program establishing the first biometrics border control program in response to 9/11**
- **Served at DHS and Immigration & Naturalization Service, establishing international information-sharing initiatives**
- **Established the SENTRI program, providing automated border clearance**



Frank Moss

Fiormer U.S. Department of State

Current Role: Founder & Owner of Identity Matters, LLC

- **Expert on border security and biometrics**
- **Former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services at the US Department of State**
- **Served as a Consultant in support of specialized U.S. military exercises**



Michael Neifach

Former U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Current Role: Principal at Jackson Lewis P.C.

- **Legal expert on immigration policy**
- **Former general counsel at ICE**
- **Former Director of Immigration and Visa Security Policy with the DHS**
- **Served in senior level roles at the White House Homeland Security Council, DHS, ICE, and ABA Commission on Immigration**



Ozzie Nelson

Former National Security Council and U.S. Navy

Current Role: Executive Vice President & General Manager at Strategy

- **Former U.S. Navy pilot Mission Commander, focusing on counterterrorism capabilities**
- **Former Director for the Office of Combatting Terrorism within the National Security Council**
- **Former Director of Homeland Security and Counterterrorism for the CSIS**
- **Member of the Council on Foreign Relations**



Elizabeth Neumann

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: Chief Strategy Officer at Moonshot

- **Security and counterterrorism expert with experience spanning 3 administrations**
- **Former Deputy Chief of Staff and Assistant Secretary for Counterterrorism and Threat Prevention with the DHS**
- **Former advisor to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence**
- **Served in senior roles at DHS & White House HSC, managing new threat assessment & prevention programs**



Christopher Padilla

Former Department of Commerce

Current Role: Senior Advisor at Brunswick Group

- **International economics, national security, export control, and immigration expert**
- **Served in senior roles at the US Department of Commerce and USTR**
- **Former senior adviser to the Deputy Secretary of State**
- **Led the Commerce Department's Export Administration unit**



Michael Petrucelli

Former U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Current Role: Senior Partner at Practical Campaign Services

- **Expert on immigration, travel policy, and international trade**
- **Former Deputy Director and Acting Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security**
- **Served at the FCC and The Export-Import Bank of the US**
- **Former Director at the US-ASEAN Business Council**
- **Former Foreign Service Officer at the US State Department, serving in Thailand and the Netherlands Antilles**



Corey Price

Former DHS ICE Senior Executive

Current Role: Homeland Security Consulting

- **Veteran federal law enforcement and immigration operations leader with over two decades of experience**
- **Served as Acting Executive Associate Director for ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations, overseeing a $4.12 billion budget and 7,900+ personnel across domestic and international offices**
- **Former Field Office Director for ICE ERO El Paso**
- **U.S. Army veteran and member of the Senior Executive Service**



Tim Quinn

Former U.S. Customs and Border Protection

- **Served as the Executive Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Public Liaison for U.S. Customs and Border Protection**
- **Former Chief of Staff at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy**
- **Former Deputy Director for Management and Chief of Staff with for the DOJ**



Price Roe

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: Board Advisor at Shift Energy & Principal Advisor at Slayton Capital

- Expert on renewable energy, national security, and cybersecurity
- Served at the DOJ as senior policy advisor to the CIO
- Served at the DHS as Counselor to Secretary Michael Chertoff
- Specialized in incident response, counterterrorism, law enforcement, information sharing, cyber security, and IT transformation within the DHS



Brian Roehrkasse

Former U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: Vice President of Communications at Meta

- Former top public affairs official for the U.S. Department of Justice
- Former Press secretary for the DHS
- Managed communications following 9/11 within the Department of Transportation
- Assisted in the establishment of the TSA



Paul Rosenzweig

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: Principal at Red Branch Consulting, PLLC

- Expert in cyber warfare, cybersecurity, surveillance, and tech policy
- Former deputy assistant secretary for policy at the DHS
- Provides legal counsel on national security law, criminal law, and legal ethics.
- Advisor to the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security



Randall Schriver

Former U.S. Department of State and Department of Defense

Current Role: Chairman of the Board at the Institute for Indo-Pacific Security

- Expert on Indo-Pacific security
- Former ASD for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs with the DOD
- Served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs
- Former Senior Country Director for China, Taiwan and Mongolia in the Office of the Secretary of Defense



Patrick Shen

Former Department of Justice

Current Role: Vice President of Immigration Policy for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

- Expert on immigration and corporate compliance
- Current VP for Immigration Policy for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Served as the Policy and Planning Director of ICE and the Chief Immigration Counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee



Gary Shiffman

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Navy

Current Role: Board Member at SCLaunch Inc. & Board of Directors Member at Build Carolina

- Expert on national security and economics
- Former National Security Advisor to the U.S. Senate
- Former DHS Customs & Border Protection Chief of Staff
- Current research fellow at the Georgetown Center for Security Studies



Valerie Smith Boyd

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: Senior Director of Business Development at National Nonprofit

- Expert on international affairs and international security
- Former Assistant Secretary for International Affairs for the DHS, acting as the chief diplomat for DHS international engagements
- Former Deputy Chief of Staff to the Commissioner at U.S. Customs and Border Protection focusing on humanitarian and security efforts
- Served on the National Security Council



Margaret Stock

Lawyer and Retired Army Officer

Current Role: Attorney at Cascadia Cross Border Law

- Expert in immigration, citizenship, and national security law
- Former Military Police Officer in the Army Reserve
- Developed and implemented the DOD's recruiting program, Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest
- Founded the AILA Military Assistance Program which provides aid to military members, veterans, and their families with immigration law matters



Stewart Verdery

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: Founder of Monument Advocacy

- Expert on national security and public policy
- First Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning at the DHS; oversaw US Customs & Border Protection, ICE, & TSA programs
- Chaired official government advisory committees on international trade and tourism
- Served on the President's Advisory Committee to Protect Americans' Civil Liberties
- Former CSIS senior associate; researched homeland security & counterterrorism-related topics



Dave West

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: Vice President of M&A at ManTech

- Expert on government technology and international corporate diplomacy
- Initial member of the DHS supporting the international efforts of Secretaries Tom Ridge and Michael Chertoff
- Member of the Institute for the Study of War focused on informed understanding of military affairs and improving U.S. threat response



Joe Whitley

Former U.S. Department of Justice

Current Role: Chair at Womble Bond Dickinson LLP

- First General Counsel of the DHS, working with Secretaries Tom Ridge and Michael Chertoff
- Leads a legal team in Government Enforcement and Investigations, conducting sensitive high-level investigations for public and private sector institutions
- Former Acting Associate Attorney General with the DOJ



Jim Williams

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Current Role: President at Jim Williams Consulting LLC

- First Director of the DHS's U.S.-VISIT program, tracking the entry of foreign visitors with biometrics post-9/11
- Expert on federal procurement, program design, and organizational strategy
- Served as Acting Administrator and the Federal Acquisition Service Commissioner at GSA



Julie Myers Wood

Former Department of Commerce

Current Role: CEO at Guidepost Solutions

- **Former Assistant Secretary and Head of ICE for the DHS, worked to combat human trafficking and child exploitation**
- **Former Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement at the Department of Commerce**
- **Former Chief of Staff for the Criminal Division at the DOJ**



James W. Ziglar

Former U.S. Senate

Current Role: Founder & Principal of the Ziglar Group

- **Served as Commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and Sergeant at Arms of the U.S. Senate**
- **Former President & CEO of Cross Match Technologies, a global leader in biometric security solutions**
- **Over 50 years of experience in law, public policy, and finance, including service in the Nixon and Reagan administrations**