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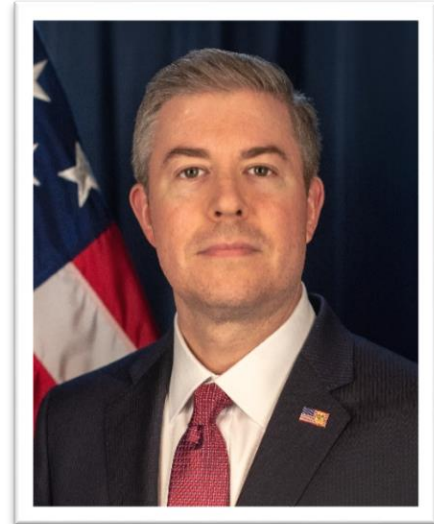
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Michael P. Davis is the Executive Deputy Principal Legal Advisor for the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). He currently serves as the Acting Principal Legal Advisor.

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Mr. Davis began his legal career with the former Immigration and Naturalization Service in Los Angeles in 2000, through the Attorney General's Honors Program. Prior to his promotion to Executive Deputy Principal Legal Advisor in 2016, Mr. Davis served as OPLA's Director of Enforcement and Litigation, overseeing four headquarters divisions responsible for advising Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and guiding the agency's trial and appellate advocacy efforts in immigration proceedings. Prior to that, Mr. Davis served as Chief of OPLA's Immigration Law and Practice Division, and completed temporary duty assignments at DHS's Office of General Counsel, the ICE Office of the Director, ERO, and HSI.

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