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John D. Trasviña is the Principal Legal Advisor for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Mr. Trasviña has extensive experience in immigration law and policy matters. He is the former Dean of the University of San Francisco School of Law, where he established an immigration law clinic. Prior to his time as Dean, Mr. Trasviña served as the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, managing over 580 employees and a budget exceeding \$140 million per year, and President and General Counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), overseeing litigation and policy offices specializing in immigration law and policy, voting rights, education and community empowerment.

Mr. Trasviña began his legal career in 1983 as a San Francisco Deputy City Attorney before joining MALDEF in Washington, D.C., as Legislative Counsel. He later was Judiciary Committee general counsel to U.S. Senator Paul Simon who was the ranking Democratic member of the Senate Immigration Subcommittee and Chair of the Constitution Subcommittee. From 1993-97, Mr. Trasviña served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs, representing the Department of Justice (DOJ) – including the former Immigration and Naturalization Service – before Congress on immigration, civil rights, nominations, prisons, and related legislative areas. In 1997, President Bill Clinton appointed Mr. Trasviña as Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices at DOJ.

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