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David LaCerte is the Senior Advisor and Executive Counsel to the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB), joining the CSB in January of 2021 to serve a three-year term. Mr. LaCerte is also undertaking the role of Acting Managing Director. He provides strategic management and guidance on implementing the CSB's strategic goals, attracting and retaining top talent, and ensuring the CSB is positioned to target and accomplish the agency goals.



Mr. LaCerte brings years of private sector, federal and state government experience. Prior to joining the CSB he served as a Deputy Associate Director at the United States Office of Personnel Management (OPM). While at OPM, Mr. LaCerte approved hiring and policy for senior executive service members. His leadership was instrumental in steering the nation's shift to telework for 2.2 million federal employees during the pandemic. Mr. LaCerte also led the teams that authored landmark publications such as, *"The Senior Executive Service Desk Guide,"* *"The 2020 Presidential Transition Guide,"* and *"The 2020 Plum Book."*

Mr. LaCerte holds a B.S. in Business from Nicholls State University, a J.D. and B.C.L. from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University and studied international law at the Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3 in Lyon, France. After law school, he served as a state cabinet official and built a practice as a litigator and partner with a private law firm in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps infantry, and his decorations include the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two Bronze Service Stars.