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Katherine is currently the Chief of the Firearms Operations Division and has served in this capacity since October, 2020. Katherine began her ATF career in 2004 as a Special Agent in the San Francisco Field Division, Oakland, California Field Office. Prior to transferring to Washington D.C., Katherine held several positions within the San Francisco Field Division including the Resident

Agent in Charge of the San Jose Field Office.

During her time in Washington D.C., Katherine was assigned to ATF Headquarters and served as a Liaison for the Criminal Intelligence Division (OSII) in the Domestic Terrorism Unit of FBI and several programs within CIA. In 2016, Castaneda joined ATF's Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information Directorate as a program manager contributing to intelligence sharing and de-confliction platforms across law enforcement, Department of Defense and intelligence communities. In 2017, she was promoted to the Deputy Chief of the Criminal Intelligence Division (OSII) prior to her position as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge in the Los Angeles Field Division in Los Angeles, California.

Prior to Ms. CaStaneda's law enforcement career, she was the lead litigation paralegal for one of the largest foreclosure law firms in Wisconsin. In addition to her career with ATF, Ms. Castaneda is a yoga and meditation instructor with a primary focus in stress management.

Katherine received a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from University of Wisconsin, master's degree in strategic Intelligence from the National Intelligence University and is currently a PhD candidate in Strategic Security with a focus in neurocriminology from the National American University.