



Susan Curda

Central Regional Director USCIS Field Operations Directorate

Susan M. Curda became the Regional Director for Central Region on August 21, 2017. Prior to assuming this assignment, Sue served as the District Director for Los Angeles beginning on Oct. 20, 2014. The Los Angeles District, the second largest in the country, consists of five field offices, more than 600 employees and seven densely populated counties in southern California.

Curda previously served as the district director in San Diego, the director of the Rome Field Office and as the local USCIS attaché in the U.S. Embassy in Rome, Italy. Curda has more than 30 years of immigration experience.

Before moving overseas, Curda was the USCIS district director in Sacramento, California, overseeing immigration services for 33 counties in Northern and Central California. Before the creation of USCIS in 2003, she served as the officer in charge of the Immigration and Naturalization Service sub-office in Sacramento. There, she was responsible for the full range of immigration programs, including criminal investigations and detention and deportation.

Curda began her career as an immigration inspector in Chicago, Illinois. She served as a supervisory inspector in Houston, Texas, and as an assistant chief inspector in Washington, D.C. In that role, she managed enforcement and overseas programs and traveled extensively to instruct foreign immigration authorities and airline personnel promoting overseas pre-screening of passengers destined to the United States.

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Ms. Curda held several other positions in INS, including Special Assistant positions to the Associate Commissioner for Examinations, Executive Commissioner, and Executive Associate Commissioner for Operations.

She completed her Headquarters career as the Assistant Commissioner for Planning, responsible for developing, tracking and managing the agency's strategic plan, priorities, and performance measurement process. She held this post until accepting the position of Sacramento OIC.

In addition to her permanent assignments, Ms. Curda has been on several extended details, including Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs and Deputy Director, Domestic Operations.

Ms. Curda is the recipient of three high level agency awards. She graduated summa cum laude from Illinois State University and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree.