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Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) Tom Petrowski serves as General Counsel to the Dallas FBI Field Office. He provides legal counsel on all criminal and national security programs, policy compliance and administrative matters.

He started his government service as a U.S. Army Officer. He served exclusively in Special Forces, both as a Special Forces Operator and as a JAG Officer assigned to Special Forces. He operationally deployed to Africa, the Middle East, Southwest Asia, Central America and Haiti. After leaving active duty, SSA Petrowski practiced corporate law in Boston, MA and taught at Northeastern University.

SSA Petrowski became an FBI Special Agent in 1995 and was initially assigned to the San Diego Division where he served on a multi-agency Street Gang Task Force targeting Blood gang sets, was a member of the SWAT Team and served as the Principal Defensive Tactics instructor. In 2000 he was promoted to SSA in the Office of the General Counsel, Legal Instruction Unit, FBI Academy, Quantico VA. He taught law to New Agent Trainees, FBI employees attending in-service training and state and local law enforcement managers and officers attending the National Academy and other specialized legal instruction.

In 2003, SSA Petrowski was selected as the Associate Division Counsel in the Dallas Division serving as the deputy to the Chief Division Counsel. He deployed twice to Iraq as a supervisor of a joint counterterrorism team in 2004 and again in 2005 as the Deputy On-Scene Commander supervising the war crimes investigation of the Saddam Hussein Regime. In 2006 he returned to operational management and supervised the Dallas Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Division SWAT Program. SSA Petrowski managed numerous high profile counterterrorism operations including the investigations of Hossam Smadi, the lone jihadist who targeted the Fountain Place building in downtown Dallas, and Khalid Aldawsari, another lone jihadist in Lubbock.

In 2012 SSA Petrowski was promoted and transferred to FBIHQ Counterterrorism Division where he served as the Senior Detailer to the Counterterrorism Center (CTC) at the Central Intelligence Agency, Langley, VA. He was the FBI counterterrorism liaison to CTC fostering collaboration between the agencies and other entities during many high profile matters including the Boston Bombing, the Benghazi attacks, and numerous highly classified joint FBI/CIA/DoD operations. For his service at the CIA, he was awarded the *George Bush Award for Excellence in Counterterrorism* – the CIA's highest counterterrorism award. In late 2013 he returned to the Dallas Division and was selected as the Chief Division Counsel. In 2016 he received the *Manuel J. Gonzalez Ethics Award*, the FBI's highest award for ethics presented to one of the Bureau's 35,000+ employees.

SSA Petrowski attended Northeastern University and New England School of Law in Boston. He has been married to his wife Lori, a teacher and dyslexia therapist in Dallas, for over 30 years. Their son Matthew is a United States Marine.

