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Areas of Focus:

- Homeland and Border Security Management
- Global Commerce and Supply Chain Security
- Crisis and Risk Management, Strategy and Implementation
- Global Security and Capacity Building
- Government Reorganization and Merging of Agencies

Previous Government Service:

- Chief of Staff, Office of Policy, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (2005-2006)
- Director, Office of Policy and Planning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (2004-2005)
- Chief of Staff, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (2003-2004)
- Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (2002-2003)

Nicolle Sciara Rippeon joins The Chertoff Group from ABM LLC, an advisory services firm specializing in supporting the government's implementation of border security and immigration programs as well as technology modernization projects. She also worked with both large and small companies in developing and pursuing federal strategies in the homeland security market space.

Nicolle joined ABM LLC in January 2007 after serving as Chief of Staff to Assistant Secretary for Policy Stewart A. Baker at the Department of Homeland Security. As Chief of Staff, she managed the transition and growth of the newly formed office, crafting the budget, hiring plan, and organizational structure for the office. She also served as primary advisor to the Assistant Secretary for homeland security policy, international operations, strategic planning, intra-department coordination, and external outreach to private sector stakeholders.

Prior to joining the DHS Office of Policy, Nicolle was the Director for the Office of Policy and Planning and Deputy Chief of Staff for Commissioner Robert C. Bonner at U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). As such, she provided leadership to CBP's overall policy development, strategic and tactical planning, and program evaluation efforts. Her office advised the Office of the Commissioner on programs and policy matters related to homeland security, customs and immigration for domestic and foreign operations. In addition, she served as the liaison to external audit groups, and directed the performance measurement, statistical analysis, and organizational assessment processes used to evaluate key CBP programs and assess CBP's mission performance in relation to its goals, objectives, and strategies.

Previously, Nicolle worked for the law firm of Gibson, Dunn, &Crutcher in Washington, DC where she specialized in white collar criminal cases. Nicolle is a graduate of the University of Texas and the University of Pennsylvania Law School and is a member of both the Texas Bar and the District of Columbia Bar associations.