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Mr. Terrill received his JD from New York University School of Law in 1999, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the NYU Journal of Legislation & Public Policy. From 1999 to 2002, Mr. Terrill was an associate in the Washington, DC and Brussels, Belgium offices of London-based Clifford Chance, where his work focused on market access and investment disputes in and between the U.S. and European Union (EU).

In the fall of 2002, Mr. Terrill joined the Office of the Legal Adviser at the U.S. Department of State. Before working with the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, where he handled the European Union and former Yugoslavia portfolios, Mr. Terrill’s responsibilities included international child abduction and “temporary refuge” matters, in connection with which he earned the Department’s Superior Honor Award in 2005. He also served as the Press Affairs Officer from 2003 through 2005.

Mr. Terrill has taught European Union Law, public international law, and international affairs at George Mason University School of Law, George Washington University, and at the School of International Service, respectively.

During the 2007-2008 primary and caucus season, Mr. Terrill was engaged actively as a volunteer for the Barack Obama for President campaign. Alongside other work, he served on the Iowa State Leadership and Finance committees and the Johnson County Steering Committee; with thousands of others, he logged countless miles door-to-door canvassing and even more hours on the telephone on behalf of the Senator’s effort in Iowa and elsewhere. Separately, Mr. Terrill organized a candidate speaker series in Iowa that brought five of the candidates to Iowa City to deliver public presentations on their national security and foreign policy ideas to voters there and across the state via public television.