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Mr. Burch currently serves as the Vice President for Strategic Initiatives at the Police Foundation, a national non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of policing through innovation and science. In this role, Mr. Burch oversees the Foundation's efforts to leverage science, technology, innovation, as well as data and analytics to advance the policing profession and the strategies it employs to provide justice, safety and security in our communities. Among the current initiatives he leads is the use of open data in policing and the White House Police Data Initiative, exploring the benefits of expanded data variety in Compstat, the potential for sensor and internet-of-things (IoT) technologies in policing, and examining the use of virtual reality and unmanned systems in law enforcement.

Prior to joining the Police Foundation in early 2015, Mr. Burch served for more than 20 years at the U.S. Department of Justice, having been appointed to various senior executive and leadership positions in DOJ, including Acting Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (2009-2011), Deputy Assistant Attorney General (2011-2014) of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and Acting Assistant Director at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) (2014-2015). Before joining DOJ in 1994, Mr. Burch worked in the private sector as well as in local justice agencies. Mr. Burch has received numerous awards and recognition throughout his career, has been nominated to lead cross-agency federal initiatives, and served as a member of the FBI's National Academy Advisory Board before departing federal service in 2015. Mr. Burch is a Senior Fellow at George Mason University's Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy, is an accomplished speaker, has served as a national media commentator, guest lectured at the FBI National Academy and in academic settings, and has authored publications and articles on various criminal justice topics. Mr. Burch has a Master of Science Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland at College Park.