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Michael A. Mason joined Verizon Communications in January 2008 as Chief Security Officer. He oversees and coordinates global security efforts throughout Verizon and all its business units, including enterprise wide security strategy and programs, physical security, cyber security, and law enforcement liaison matters.

Prior to joining Verizon Mr. Mason was an Executive Assistant Director (EAD) with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in charge of the Bureau's Criminal, Cyber, Response and Services Branch – one of the largest operational entities in the FBI at the time. In addition to the Criminal and Cyber divisions, he was also responsible for the Office of International Operations (which included 59 overseas offices), the Critical Incident Response Group and the Office of Law Enforcement Coordination. Mason began his career with the FBI in 1985.

In his initial years with the FBI, his assignments ranged from serving as an undercover narcotics agent to conducting public corruption investigations. He subsequently served in numerous management and executive management positions including service as the Special Agent in Charge of the Sacramento Field Office and as the Assistant Director-in-Charge of the Washington Field Office, the Bureau's second largest office. Mr. Mason was the recipient of a Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive Service in 2004.

Mason served in the United States Marine Corps from 1980 – 1985 where he achieved the rank of Captain. He holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Illinois Wesleyan University. In 2006 Mason was the commencement address speaker at his alma mater and received an honorary doctoral degree. In April of 2007 Mason received the university's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Mr. Mason sits on the board of directors for the National Cyber and Forensics Training Alliance and the International Security Management Association (ISMA). Mason also sits on the advisory board of the National Family Justice Center Alliance.

Mr. Mason and his wife Susan (also a former Special Agent with the FBI) are the parents of two fine young men; Matthew and Benjamin.