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Kerry has broad experience overseeing diverse mission-support portfolios including office operations, human capital management, budget (formulation/execution), financial management, policy, performance improvement (PIO), facilities, change management, acquisitions, grants, immediate office resource management, and information technology/systems integration efforts.

In 2017, he helped to establish the American Bar Association Grants Law Committee (GLC), serving as one of its founding co-chairs (2017-2020). From 2013-2015 Kerry served as Board Member and Secretary/Treasurer of GLIFAA, the Department of State's LGBT+ resource group. Kerry began his federal service at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Fiscal Service (formerly Financial Management Service), where he worked on the Cash Management Improvement Act program. Prior to joining federal service, he worked in administrative and management positions at Georgetown University and the University of Maryland.

Kerry has been a member of various non-profit executive boards, including the African American Federal Executive Association (2018-present), currently serving as General Counsel, and the National Grants Management Association (2014-2018). Kerry is a [2021 Fellow](#) of the National Academy of Public Administration, and a 2022 inaugural [Rodel Institute Federal Executive Fellow](#).

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Kerry holds a B.S. in business from Long Island University, Southampton College; M.A. in business/legal administration from Marymount University; J.D. from University of Baltimore School of Law; and an LL.M. in environmental and energy law and policy from Georgetown University Law Center; he is admitted to practice law in Maryland, District of Columbia, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Kerry lives in the Penn-Branch section of Southeast Washington, DC, with his husband Jiashen You, Ph.D.