

Biography of Matt Nosanchuk
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Matt Nosanchuk joined the Civil Rights Division in July 2009 as Senior Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General. He brings extensive experience as a civil rights attorney from his time in Congress, as well as work in the non-profit and private sectors. Among his primary duties, Matt oversees the Division's Policy and Strategy Section and the pursuit of key policy priorities, including the implementation of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. He represents the Division in many capacities, including working with LGBT community and with Congress. He returns to the Justice Department after serving in the Office of Policy Development under Attorney General Janet Reno during the Clinton Administration, where he worked on a range of civil and criminal policy matters, as well as judicial nominations. Matt also has worked on the House Judiciary Committee's Democratic Staff under then-Ranking Member John Conyers on legislative matters, including bankruptcy, cybersecurity, and civil rights, and on Justice Department oversight. He also worked at Third Way, where he established and directed the organization's Gay Equality Initiative; and, most recently, in the Senate as Counsel to Senator Bill Nelson of Florida, where he advised the Senator on Judiciary Committee, civil rights, election law, immigration, homeland security, patent reform, and ethics matters. During the 2008 presidential election campaign, Matt was a leader of the LGBT policy committee on the Obama campaign and worked on the Obama for America campaign staff as State Research Director in Florida and Regional LGBT Outreach Director in South Florida. Matt received his undergraduate and law degrees from Stanford, where he was a Truman Scholar and Senior Note Editor of the Stanford Law Review. He clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago for Judge Walter J. Cummings and was a Skadden Fellow at the ACLU of Illinois, where Matt served as staff attorney on the organization's AIDS and Civil Liberties Project and worked on First Amendment matters.