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Mr. van der Schalie is the acting Deputy Associate Commissioner for the Office of Public Service and Operations Support. In this role, he is responsible for leading the creation, implementation, and support of new and existing business processes to address legislative, legal, and operational requirements. Mr. van der Schalie began his career at SSA in 2012 and has primarily focused on supporting disability adjudication policy and operations through data analysis; first in the Office of Appellate Operation's Program Analysis Staff and then in the Office of the Chief Administrative Law Judge. Mr. van der Schalie also served as special counsel in SSA's Office of the Inspector General. In this capacity, he advised the Inspector General on the use of data analytics in improving resource alignment and operational efficiency. During his time in OIG, Mr. van der Schalie was instrumental in improving the access to and the proactive deployment of data analysis through the establishment of the Business Intelligence and Analytics Division.

Mr. van der Schalie received a Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Pennsylvania State University, a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas, and a Juris Doctorate from University of Maryland's Francis King Carey School of Law. He is currently pursuing a second master's degree from Columbia University in Applied Analytics.