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Since 2008, Dr. Christopher J. Hickey has served as the Country Director for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the People's Republic of China. He serves as overall lead for FDA's efforts in China, and leads a staff team that includes personnel in Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou. From 2004 to 2008, Dr. Hickey served in the Office of Global Health Affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In that capacity, he held responsibility for a range of health-related policy issues and programmatic initiatives, first in multilateral affairs, and then in Asia and the Pacific Rim. At HHS, Dr. Hickey played a key role in the negotiation of the International Health Regulations, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and product-safety agreements with China's State Food and Drug Administration and General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine.

Dr. Hickey also previously served as Vice President for Education and Research at the Institute for Global Engagement, a Philadelphia-based human rights NGO. Dr. Hickey earned his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Virginia in 2002, and lives with his wife and daughter in Beijing.