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Mr. Putzu has been employed by OGC since January 1995. He started his OGC career with the Department of Justice/Department of the Navy A-12 Litigation Team, serving as trial counsel during the default and damages phases. In July 1997, he was selected to serve as OGC's Harvey J. Wilcox Fellow. At the conclusion of the Fellowship in July 1998, he joined the NAVSEA Office of Counsel, in the Ships Section. Mr. Putzu served as program attorney to the DD(X) and DDG-1000 Programs, Littoral Combat Ship Program, and the Cruiser Conversion Program, among others. He also served as counsel to the SeaPort Office, a NAVSEA effort to re-engineer its acquisition and management of professional support services of all NAVSEA PEOs and Directorates. Prior to his OGC career, Mr. Putzu was in private practice, with a focus upon complex commercial litigation.

Mr. Putzu has also served in special assignments for OGC, the Navy and DoD, including as Navy Counsel to the Section 574 Panel reviewing the Delivery of Legal Services to the Department of Defense, Investigation into the Shootings at the Washington Navy Yard, and Counsel to the Investigation into the Air Force Mis-Shipment of Nuclear Components to Taiwan, and related follow up investigations. He has also served as counsel and advisor to investigations and evaluations of matters of great interest to the Navy and nation, such as the Section 506 Panel Reviewing Manning Requirement in the Navy's Judge Advocate General Corps and the Consolidated Disposition Authority for cases relating to the Glenn Defense Marine Asia matter.

Mr. Putzu received the Department of the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award in 2003 and 2008, and the Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2001 and 2005. He also was selected for Navy's Competition and Procurement Excellence Award in 2002 and 2003. In 2015, he received the Department of Energy Honors Award.

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