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## Dean R. Berman



### Counsel Strategic Systems Programs

Dean R. Berman is the Counsel for the Strategic Systems Programs (SSP). In this capacity, he serves as the principal legal advisor to the Director, SSP, a Vice Admiral. SSP, an Echelon II Command, is responsible for the development, production, fielding, and life-cycle-management of the Department of the Navy's (DON) submarine launched Strategic Weapons Systems, including the TRIDENT II D-5 Missile System (approximately 70% of the United States' nuclear weapons). Additionally, SSP is responsible for the development of the Common Missile Compartment for the United States' Columbia Class and the United Kingdom's Dreadnought Class submarines, Life-Extension II of the TRIDENT II D5 Missile, DON's Nuclear Weapons Security Program, DON's Ship Submersible Guided Nuclear Attack Weapons System, development of the Conventional Prompt Strike (Hypersonic) Weapons System, payload integration for DON's large diameter missile tubes, emerging missile programs, implementation of the Polaris / TRIDENT Sales Agreement with the United Kingdom, and management of the Naval Treaty Implementation Program (DON's arms control program). SSP is also responsible for the regulation of the Navy Nuclear Deterrence Mission - an Echelon I Commanding Officer responsibility (CNO N00STRAT). SSP has approximately 600 employees at its headquarters and 2200 employees at its 6 field offices and 5 detachments.

Mr. Berman manages SSP's legal office, which includes 19 attorneys and one paralegal. Mr. Berman provides legal advice and representation in the areas of Government contracts, fiscal law, international law, civilian personnel law, litigation, ethics, arms control, environmental law, civil fraud, and intellectual property law. Mr. Berman is a member of SSP's Board of Directors, which is responsible for SSP's strategic and program planning. Mr. Berman is a member of the DON Office of the General Counsel's Executive Steering Group and Chairs the Community Management Committee and the Arms Control / Export Community of Practice.

Mr. Berman was selected as SSP's Counsel in August of 1997 and was promoted to the Senior Executive Service in January of 2010. Prior to serving as SSP's Counsel, Mr. Berman served as SSP's Deputy Counsel from 1990 through 1997 and as an Assistant Counsel in SSP from 1985 through 1990. From 1983 through 1985, Mr. Berman served as an Assistant Counsel with the Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station. Mr. Berman's work at NAVSUP involved mostly bid protests before the Comptroller General. Mr. Berman began his career as a law clerk working in the NAVSUP headquarters office in 1982.

Mr. Berman has a Juris Doctorate from the National Law Center, George Washington University and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Maryland. He is a member of the DC Bar. He is married with two adult children and resides in North Potomac, Maryland.