
Anne M. Brennan



Acting General Counsel of the Navy Office of the General Counsel

On Jan. 20, 2017, Ms. Anne M. Brennan became Acting General Counsel of the Navy. As the General Counsel of the Navy, Ms. Brennan is the Department's Chief Legal Officer. The Office of the General Counsel of the Navy provides legal advice to the Secretary of the Navy, the Under Secretary of the Navy, the Assistant Secretaries of the Navy and their staffs, and the multiple components of the Department, to include the Navy and the Marine Corps. She previously served as the Principal Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel.

Ms. Brennan began her career with the DON in 1986 when she joined OGC as an attorney in the Civilian Personnel Law Section of the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) Office of Counsel. She was then detailed to the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia where she served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney. After her return to the NAVSEA Office of Counsel, Ms. Brennan served as a procurement attorney in the Systems Section. In January 1995, she became an Assistant to the Deputy General Counsel and Counsel to the Office of Program Appraisal.

In January 1997, Ms. Brennan became head of the NAVSEA Civilian Personnel Law Section and in September 2000 became head of the NAVSEA Systems Section. In March 2003, Ms. Brennan was selected as the Deputy Counsel in the Office of the Assistant General Counsel for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition). In April 2004, Ms. Brennan became a member of the Senior Executive Service and was selected as the Deputy Counsel for NAVSEA. In February 2005, Ms. Brennan assumed the position of Assistant General Counsel (Financial Management and Comptroller). She was selected as Counsel, NAVSEA in February 2007, where she was responsible for leading and managing the largest legal organization within OGC.

Ms. Brennan was selected as the Deputy General Counsel in January 2008, and was designated as the Principal Deputy General Counsel in August 2009.

Ms. Brennan received a B.A. degree from Wellesley College and a J.D. degree from Suffolk University Law School. She received the DON Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 1997 and 2002, the DON Superior Civilian Service Award in 2005 and 2007, the DON Distinguished Civilian Service Award in 2010, the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service

Award in 2012, and was awarded the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive in 2014. Ms. Brennan is a member of the District of Columbia bar.