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## Joseph P. Duenas



### **Assistant General Counsel (Intelligence) Office of General Counsel**

Mr. Duenas is the Assistant General Counsel (AGC) (Intelligence Law) for the Department of the Navy (DON). He was selected to be a member of the Senior Executive Service in December 2008 and promoted to assume his present duties on February 2, 2009. As AGC (Intel Law) he is responsible for managing and directing intelligence law and national security matters within the framework of applicable Department of Defense (DoD) and DON policy and legal requirements as set forth by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy and the General Counsel of the Navy, in coordination with the Office of the Judge Advocate General. Mr. Duenas' duties encompass all aspects of providing advice and counsel on intelligence law matters and classified national security issues, to include Special Access Programs. He ensures that DON intelligence and intelligence-related activities are conducted in accordance with law, regulation and policy. He assists the General Counsel, Principal Deputy General Counsel, and Deputy General Counsel perform their intelligence oversight responsibilities. Mr. Duenas also provides advice and counsel to senior intelligence and national security officials within the DON. He oversees the work of the Counsel for the Office of Naval Intelligence, Counsel, Special Projects Division, and Counsel, U.S. Fleet Cyber Command, among others, in providing legal advice and support to Navy and non-Navy activities. He is a member of the DON's Office of the General Counsel Executive Steering Group.

Mr. Duenas served as Counsel, Special Projects Division, and Counsel, Navy Engineering Logistics Office, from 1989 through January 2009. In these roles, he supervised an office of more than ten attorneys and staff, supporting senior Navy officials who were tasked with intelligence responsibilities and classified program and mission requirements. This diverse and challenging practice included support in acquisition matters, fiscal law issues, civilian personnel law, environmental and real property law, classified litigation, national security law, and intelligence law matters. Mr. Duenas was recognized by the Director of National Intelligence as the 2008 National Intelligence Community Attorney of the Year.

Mr. Duenas served as Associate Counsel, Special Projects Division, from 1987 until he became Counsel in 1989. Prior to that assignment, he served as an Associate Counsel in the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (1984-87); a trial attorney in the DON Litigation Office (1982-84); and, as a program support attorney for the Joint Cruise Missile Project Office (1980-1982) and the Naval Electronic Systems Command (1978-1980).