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Mr. Craig D. Jensen is the Associate General Counsel (Litigation) and the Director of the Naval Litigation Office. As the senior litigator within the Department of the Navy (DON), he has overall responsibility for approximately 2000 government contract, environmental, employment/civilian personnel, constitutional, and international law litigation matters.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Jensen served as Assistant General Counsel (Energy, Installations & Environment) where he directed the practice of law on behalf of the DON in the fields of environmental, natural resources, real estate and energy law. Mr. Jensen has also served as Counsel for the Office of Naval Research, the DON's center for science and technology programs, where he was the senior legal advisor to the Chief of Naval Research on a wide variety of legal issues relating to intellectual property, patents, trademarks, data rights, grants, procurement, the environment and personnel law. In addition, Mr. Jensen previously served as the Deputy Counsel for the Commandant, United States Marine Corps, where he provided legal and business advice on the full spectrum of issues that face the Marine Corps, and supervised over 100 civilian and Judge Advocate attorneys and support staff located in a Headquarters office and 14 field offices throughout the world. Finally, Mr. Jensen was once the DON's Special Counsel for Litigation, where he was responsible for the most important litigation matters under the cognizance of the General Counsel. He also supervised 30 attorneys who represented the Navy on significant cases brought before U.S. Federal Courts and the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals.

Mr. Jensen served on active duty in the Marine Corps, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. For the four years preceding his retirement, Mr. Jensen held the billet of Associate Counsel, Land Use and Environmental Law, Office of the Counsel for the Commandant, where he provided environmental and installation law guidance to the Commandant and other senior Marine Corps clients. Upon retirement, Mr. Jensen was selected to retain this position as a civilian and held this position until his selection as Special Counsel for Litigation.

While on active duty in the Marine Corps, Mr. Jensen's legal responsibilities included tours of duty as a criminal prosecutor, a criminal defense attorney, and the regional environmental and land use attorney for Marine Corps installations on the east coast of the United States.

Mr. Jensen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Gonzaga University in 1983, a Juris Doctor degree from George Washington University in 1991, and a Master of Laws degree in International Environmental Law from the University of Washington in 1996. His civilian awards include the Presidential Rank Award, three Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Awards, the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award, the Department of Justice (DOJ) John Marshall Award – Interagency Cooperation, two DOJ Certificates of Commendation and the Office of the Secretary of Defense Award for Excellence. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Mr. Jensen is married to the former Ellen Jane Goucher and they have four children: Victoria, Zachary, Emma and Hannah.