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Mr. Mark Romano is Deputy Counsel for the Commandant, United States Marine Corps. As Deputy Counsel, Mr. Romano is responsible to assist the Counsel in his duties as the senior legal advisor to the Commandant, Assistant Commandant, the Deputy Commandants, and numerous other top officials of the Marine Corps providing advice and counsel on the full spectrum of business and other related legal issues. He supervises over 100 civilian and judge advocate attorneys and support staff located at Headquarters, Marine Corps and fourteen field offices worldwide. Mr. Romano was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 2014.

Previously, from 2012 to 2014, Mr. Romano was the first Counsel, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems (OPNAV N9), when he was responsible for the entire scope of business law practice for a client who set requirements for all manned aircraft, surface vessels, submarines, and amphibious warfare platforms. From 2008 to 2012, Mr. Romano served as the Associate Counsel for the Commandant (Procurement & Fiscal Law) providing advice and counsel to Headquarters, Marine Corps on all matters related to business and commercial activities. Mr. Romano began his career with the Office of General Counsel in 1994 as a trial counsel assigned to the joint Department of Justice/Department of Navy A-12 Litigation Team and has held several other positions within OGC.

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