
Diane M. Boyle



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Diane M. Boyle is the Deputy General Counsel for the Department of the Navy (DON). Her responsibilities are similar to those of the managing partner of a very large, international law firm representing clients with business lines worth over \$179 billion. Together with the General Counsel of the Navy and the Principal Deputy General Counsel, she is a member of the Office of General Counsel's (OGC's) senior leadership team. Ms. Boyle is responsible for establishing and implementing policies for the recruitment, hiring, promotion, and professional development of more than 1,100 attorneys and professional support staff in 140 offices worldwide. She also oversees OGC's Freedom of Information Act Program, the DON Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, and the legal support to the Auditor General of the Navy and DON Secretariat management functions (the Special Assistant for Information Management and DON Chief Information Officer, the Office of the Chief Management Officer, and the Directorate Administration, Logistics, and Operations).

Ms. Boyle began her career in OGC in 1995 at the Naval Air Systems Command, serving in positions of increasing responsibility, including program attorney for the V-22 aircraft and section head for civilian personnel law and ethics matters. From 2006 through 2013, Ms. Boyle held positions as: the first Region Counsel for the Naval District Washington; the Assistant to the Deputy General Counsel; and the Deputy Counsel for the Commander, Navy Installations Command. In 2013, Ms. Boyle was selected as the Deputy Assistant General Counsel (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) (M&RA), assisting the Assistant General Counsel (M&RA) in providing legal advice on matters concerning military and civilian personnel policy and supervising attorneys at the Naval Academy, the Naval Education and Training Command, the Bureau of Naval Medicine and Surgery, and the Office of Civilian Human Resources. In February 2014, Ms. Boyle was appointed to the Senior Executive Service as the Counsel, Office of Naval Research, serving as the chief legal advisor to the Chief of Naval Research and staff on matters including acquisition (e.g., contracts, cooperative agreements, grants, other transactions), fiscal, environmental, civilian personnel, administrative, and intellectual property. She also oversaw legal support to the Naval Research Laboratory, the Navy Medical Research Center, the Naval Postgraduate School, and the Navy's Trademark and Licensing Program Office.

Before joining OGC, Ms. Boyle was a law clerk for a judge on the District of Columbia (DC) Superior Court and worked for law firms in northern Virginia and Washington, DC. She also worked in

magazine publishing as a writer and managing editor before embarking on her legal career. Ms. Boyle earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications, magna cum laude, from James Madison University and a Juris Doctor Degree from George Mason University School of Law. Her awards include a DON Meritorious Civilian Service Award and two DON Superior Civilian Service Awards. She is a member of the Virginia State and Washington, DC bars.