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Ms. Cressy is the Counsel for the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), where she is responsible for providing and managing a wide-range of legal services to the Department of the Navy's largest systems command, with over 150 attorneys and roughly 35 support staff at headquarters and in 21 field offices around the country. Areas of practice include acquisition, personnel, ethics, environment, intellectual property, and related litigation areas.

Prior to her current position, she was the Assistant General Counsel (Financial Management and Comptroller) (FM&C), where she served as the primary legal advisor on fiscal matters for the Department of the Navy from November 2009 to May 2013. From December 2007 to November 2009, Ms. Cressy was the Deputy Counsel at NAVSEA.

From January 2007 until her appointment to the Senior Executive Service in December 2007, she served as Deputy Assistant General Counsel (FM&C). Ms. Cressy led the Ship Systems Section within the NAVSEA Office of Counsel from September 2004 to January 2007, where she was responsible for the advice provided to numerous acquisition programs. From October 2003 through August 2004, Ms. Cressy served as the Assistant to the Deputy General Counsel, Department of the Navy. In January 1997, she transferred to NAVSEA, where she was assigned to the Ship Systems Section. In this capacity, she advised a number of acquisition programs and served as counsel for the Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program for several years. Other positions include a one-year developmental fellowship within the Office of the General Counsel (OGC), for which she was selected in 1995.

Ms. Cressy is a graduate of the University of Virginia, where she was a double major in International Relations and Spanish, and the George Mason University School of Law. She joined OGC in September 1990, straight out of law school, and was assigned to the Office of Naval Research. Ms. Cressy is an active member in good standing of the Virginia State Bar.