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Mr. Kerry Hotopp is the Assistant General Counsel (Acquisition Integrity) for the Department of the Navy. As head of the Acquisition Integrity Office, Mr. Hotopp coordinates the Department's efforts and pursues remedies on all acquisition fraud, waste, and abuse within the Department. Mr. Hotopp is also the Navy's suspension and debarment official. He has been in this role since August of 2020, when he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service.

Mr. Hotopp began his Navy career in the Systems Section at the Naval Sea Systems Command, first as a program attorney in September 2008 and then as a team lead. An acquisition attorney, Mr. Hotopp advised a number of programs on competitive and sole-source acquisitions under the Federal Acquisition Regulations and Department of Defense (DoD) 5000.

In September 2014, he became Counsel to Program Executive Office (PEO) Enterprise Information Systems (EIS) at the Naval Information Warfare Systems Command. He led several attorneys and advised on contracts for the Navy's network and business information technology systems, including the world's largest internal network. In November 2016, Mr. Hotopp returned to the Naval Sea Systems Command as the Head of the Systems Section, leading a team of attorneys who advised on the acquisition of weapons, sensors, communications equipment, and other systems needed to outfit the Navy's ships.

Mr. Hotopp began his legal career in September 2002 as a litigation associate at the law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, in Washington, DC, where he spent six years specializing in fraud and False Claims Act cases.

Mr. Hotopp is a graduate from the Northwestern University School of Law, cum laude, and from the University of Rochester, magna cum laude, majoring in history and philosophy. He is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia.