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Mr. Mark Romano is the Assistant General Counsel (Manpower & Reserve Affairs). As such, he is the principal legal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) for matters concerning military and civilian personnel policy as well as the coordination of efforts worldwide in labor and employment litigation. He leads an office of approximately forty attorneys and support staff providing advice to the Secretariat, the Naval Education Enterprise, the Office of Civilian Human Resources, and the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. The Assistant General Counsel (AGC) (M&RA) is the chief legal adviser for the Department of the Navy in civilian personnel law matters, and provides guidance, oversight direction and coordination to OGC, the Judge Advocate General Central Office, Command and field attorneys with respect to substantive legal matters in all areas of civilian personnel law.

Mr. Romano was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 2014. From 2014-2019, Mr. Romano served as the Deputy Counsel for the Commandant, United States Marine Corps, 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 supervised over 100 civilian and judge advocate attorneys and support staff located at Headquarters, Marine Corps and fourteen field offices worldwide.

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.

Mr. Romano received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the College of William & Mary in Virginia and earned his J.D. from St. John's University School of Law, in Queens, New York.