



PATRICK A. HODGES GENERAL COUNSEL



Mr. Patrick Hodges assumed the position of General Counsel (GC), Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) in January 2023 as a member of the Senior Executive Service. Mr. Hodges serves as the principal legal advisor to the DCAA Director rendering opinions on complex legal and policy issues, and advising on legislation, laws, regulations, policies and practices affecting the DCAA auditing mission and workforce. As the GC, Mr. Hodges leads the DCAA Office of the General Counsel (OGC). He ensures liaison with DoD OGC and other agencies on legal issues relating to DCAA programs and activities, and he provides expert counsel and advocacy to defend DCAA's interests in cases before administrative agencies and federal courts. Mr. Hodges oversees the DCAA Standards of Conduct Programs and serves as the DCAA Senior Ethics Official.

Mr. Hodges was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in January 2023. He previously served as the Counsel for the Deputy Commandant (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (USMC). In that role, he provided comprehensive legal support to the USMC manpower enterprise, and defended USMC interests in significant litigation involving gender integration, transgender and religious accommodations.

Mr. Hodges has extensive legal and leadership experience developed during his 33 years of federal service. Mr. Hodges retired from the USMC after 21 years on active duty in a variety of command, staff, and legal assignments. Mr. Hodges has since served in a variety of legal billets as a career DoD civilian. As DCAA Deputy Counsel, Mr. Hodges led the Employment, Ethics and Administrative Law division supporting DCAA's audit mission and defending DCAA interests in litigation. As Counsel for the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy (Management), he rendered opinions on complex legal and policy issues related to Department of the Navy authorities, as well as information, innovation, fiscal, procurement, personnel, and other management programs. As a Regional Deputy and Supervisory Attorney for the USMC, Mr. Hodges also planned, managed, and provided full spectrum legal services and defended DoD interests for USMC Installations in the National Capital Region and the Western United States.

Mr. Hodges holds a Bachelor of Science degree from San Diego State University. He received his Juris Doctor (J.D.) in law from George Mason University School of Law and his Master of Law (LL.M.) with emphasis in labor and employment law from Georgetown University Law Center. He is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute Leadership for a Democratic Society program, and the Department of the Navy Bridging the Gap Program. He is an active member of the Virginia State Bar, and a member of the bar for the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Federal Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

Mr. Hodges has received numerous military and civilian awards and recognition of performance excellence throughout his distinguished career with the Department of Defense. He resides with his family in Manassas, Virginia.
