



## **PATRICK A. HODGES**

### **GENERAL COUNSEL**



Mr. Patrick Hodges assumed the position of General Counsel (GC), Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) in January 2023. 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 coordinates with DoD OGC, and other DoD components, 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 Program and serves as DCAA's 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 that challenged USMC manpower, training, and assignment policies.

Mr. Hodges developed broad legal and leadership experience 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 General 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 earned his Juris Doctor in law from George Mason University and his Master of Laws from Georgetown University. He is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute's Leadership for a Democratic Society program, and the Department of the Navy's Bridging the Gap program. He is an active member of the Virginia State Bar, and a member of the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

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