



Deputy Inspector General for Investigations



Charles W. Beardall



Mr. Charles W. Beardall assumed his duties as Deputy Inspector General for Investigations on March 2, 2008. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Beardall served as the Director of the Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS), the criminal investigative arm of the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General. As Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Mr. Beardall leads an accomplished, versatile organization comprised of the Defense Criminal Investigative Service and the Office of Administrative Investigations, which includes Investigations of Senior Officials, Military Reprisal Investigations, and Civilian Reprisal Investigations. These components conduct effective and independent criminal and administrative investigations in support of fundamental National Defense priorities and Inspector General principles.

Mr. Beardall was born in Margarita, Republic of Panama. He graduated from Balboa High School, Panama Canal Zone. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Arkansas and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Arkansas School of Law. His professional military education includes the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's School Basic and Graduate Courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College (as a Department of Justice Fellow). He is a member of the Bars of the State of Arkansas, the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Beardall was a founder and former chair of the Defense Advisory Council on Hispanic Issues and is a member of the Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association and the National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives.

In 1996, Mr. Beardall was retired from the United States Army in the rank of Colonel after a 23-year career in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. Highlights of his service include assignments as Senior Defense Counsel, U.S. Army Armor Center and Fort Knox; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 193d Infantry Brigade (Panama); Executive Officer, Office of the Judge Advocate, USAREUR and 7th Army; Staff Judge Advocate, 3d Infantry Division; Chief, U.S. Army Litigation Division; Special Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; Executive Officer and Special Counsel to the General Counsel, Department of the Army; and Chief, U.S. Army Procurement Fraud Division.

Mr. Beardall began his career with the DoD IG in October 1996, when he was appointed as the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigative Policy and Oversight (IPO). By conducting balanced and objective evaluations and by developing or improving policy, IPO enhanced the efficiency and effectiveness of the DoD law enforcement community. Mr. Beardall was named Acting Director, DCIS, in August 2002 and was appointed permanent Director in April 2003.

Mr. Beardall's military awards include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster; the Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster; the Army Commendation Medal; and the National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster. He is also a recipient of the DoD Inspector General's Superior Civilian Service Award. In 2007, Mr. Beardall was selected as one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the United States by Hispanic Business Magazine. Mr. Beardall is also a 2008 recipient of the prestigious Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award.

