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Joseph Vallowe is the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations (Headquarters Operations) for the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General. The OIG is an independent organization within VA that conducts audits, investigations, and inspections to ensure integrity and efficiency in VA programs and operations. He entered the Senior Executive Service in 2004. In his 16 years with the VA OIG, Mr. Vallowe has also served as Deputy AIG for Management and Administration, Deputy AIG for Auditing, Director of the Operational Support Division, Director of the OIG Hotline, and senior staff attorney in the Office of Counselor to the IG. These positions have provided broad and detailed experience in both programmatic and support activities of the Office of Inspector General. His current position involves supervision and direction of VA OIG administrative and internal investigations, criminal investigation office inspections, investigations policy development, data mining and analysis; and providing legal services to the Office of Investigations as well as advising and acting for the AIG for Investigations.

Mr. Vallowe began his Federal career as an attorney with the VA Office of General Counsel in 1990. He served as an ethics official, personnel and labor law litigator, and police and security advisor. He joined the Government after practicing civil litigation as a partner in a 70-attorney law firm in Chicago, Williams and Montgomery, Ltd., from 1982 to 1990. Mr. Vallowe is a graduate of Loyola University of Chicago with an honors degree in philosophy, *summa cum laude*, and earned a Juris Doctor degree from Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago. He is a member of the State of Illinois and District of Columbia Bars, and admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, as well as additional state and Federal courts for the purpose of litigating individual cases. He grew up in Belleville, Illinois, a suburb of St. Louis.