



**Lynne M. Halbrooks**  
**Acting Inspector General**  
**Department of Defense**

Ms. Lynne Halbrooks became the Acting Inspector General for the Department of Defense on December 25, 2011. Ms. Halbrooks had been the Principal Deputy Inspector General for the Department of Defense since August 2, 2009. Ms. Halbrooks came to the Department of Defense Inspector General on March 1, 2009 upon being selected to serve as General Counsel. Previously, Ms. Halbrooks was the General Counsel for the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction.

Prior to joining the IG Community in October 2007, Ms. Halbrooks served with the Sergeant at Arms in the United States Senate – first as General Counsel and later as the Deputy Sergeant at Arms. There, she oversaw an agency of more than 950 employees.

Ms. Halbrooks joined the Department of Justice in 1991 as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Wisconsin prosecuting criminal cases and representing the United States in civil litigation. Subsequently, she worked for 10 years in the Executive Office for United States Attorneys serving in a variety of legal and management positions, including Deputy Director from 2000-2003. In that role, she represented the interests of the 94 U.S. Attorneys' offices within the Department, to other federal agencies, and to Congress.

Ms. Halbrooks received her B.A. from the University of Minnesota, Duluth and graduated with honors from Marquette Law School. After graduation, she clerked for the Minnesota Supreme Court, and worked in the Milwaukee office of Hinshaw and Culbertson.