
Garrett L. Ressing



Deputy General Counsel of the Department of the Navy

As the Deputy General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, Mr. Ressing's responsibilities are similar to those of the managing partner of a very large, international law firm representing clients with business lines worth over \$179 billion. He serves with the General Counsel and the Principal Deputy General Counsel as the Office of General Counsel's (OGC's) senior leadership team. He is responsible for establishing and implementing policies for the recruitment, hiring, promotion, and professional development of approximately 750 attorneys. He is responsible for the efficient organization and professional resource allocation within OGC. He also supervises OGC's Freedom of Information Act Program, the Department of the Navy's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, and provision of legal advice to the Auditor General of the Navy.

Mr. Ressing began his legal career with the Office of the General Counsel, Department of the Navy in 1990, serving as a trial attorney representing the Naval Facilities Engineering Command before the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals. In 1992, Mr. Ressing was selected for a procurement attorney position within the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in which he represented the Agency in protest actions before the Government Accountability Office. In 1994, Mr. Ressing became the Assistant Counsel, Navy Public Works Center Washington, D.C. and in 1996, he was selected to be Counsel, Navy Public Works Center, Washington, D.C. providing advice on a full range of legal issues. In 1998, Mr. Ressing moved to the Naval Air Systems Command as an environmental attorney. In 2001, Mr. Ressing was selected to be a Senior Associate Counsel at the Naval Air Systems Command supervising a team of attorneys providing legal and business advice to the Program Executive Officer regarding the acquisition of weapon systems. In March of 2006, Mr. Ressing was selected to be the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial, Management & Comptroller) providing legal advice regarding fiscal issues arising in the formulation and execution of the Department of the Navy's budget. In October of 2006, Mr. Ressing was selected to be the Deputy Counsel for the Commandant, United States Marine Corps, providing legal and business advice on the full range of issues and supervising a military service-wide legal organization of civilian and Judge Advocate attorneys and support staff, located in a Headquarters office and fourteen field offices throughout the world. In October of 2008, Mr. Ressing was selected to be the Counsel, Military Sealift Command supervising an organization of civilian attorneys and support staff, located in a Headquarters and six field offices throughout the world. Mr. Ressing was selected to join the Senior Executive Service in October of 2006.

Mr. Rassing graduated from Miami University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in General Business. Mr. Rassing then attended Capital University Law School from which he received his Juris Doctor in 1990. Mr. Rassing is a member of the bars of the State of Ohio and United States Supreme Court. In 1998, he received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award and in 2006, he received the Superior Civilian Service Award.