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Ms. Diane M. Boyle is the Counsel, Office of Naval Research (ONR), where she serves as the chief legal advisor to the Chief of Naval Research and his staff on all aspects of the operations of ONR, including acquisitions, grants, fiscal law, environmental law, civilian personnel law, general administrative law, and intellectual property matters, including the Navy Trademark and Licensing Program Office. She leads a team of more than 50 attorneys and staff providing legal support to ONR, the Naval Research Laboratory, the Navy Medical Research Center, and the Naval Postgraduate School. Ms. Boyle was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in March 2014. She has more than 18 years of federal civilian service.

Ms. Boyle began her career in OGC in 1995 at the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), serving in positions of increasing responsibility, including program attorney for the V-22 aircraft and supervising the team responsible for advising the command on non-acquisition matters. After leaving NAVAIR in 2006, her subsequent positions included serving as Region Counsel for the Naval District Washington; the Assistant to the Deputy General Counsel of the Navy; and then Deputy Counsel, Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC). As Deputy Counsel, CNIC, she supervised more than 50 attorneys and staff responsible for legal support to the worldwide Navy installations enterprise. Prior to her current position, Ms. Boyle was the Deputy Assistant General Counsel (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) (M&RA), where along with the Assistant General Counsel (M&RA), she provided legal support to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (M&RA) and his staff on military and civilian personnel policy and administration and supervised almost 30 attorneys and staff at the Naval Academy, Naval Education and Training Command, Bureau of Naval Medicine and Surgery, and Office of Civilian Human Resources among others.

Before joining OGC, Ms. Boyle was a law clerk for a judge on the D.C. Superior Court and worked in private practice for law firms in Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. She also worked in magazine publishing as a writer and managing editor before embarking on her legal career. Ms. Boyle received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications with a minor in business administration, magna cum laude, from James Madison University and a juris doctor degree from George Mason School of Law. Her awards include a Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2002 and a Navy Superior Civilian Service Award in 2007. She is a member of the Virginia State and Washington, D.C. Bars.

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