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John L. Forrest, Jr., the Patent Counsel of the Navy, is the chief Intellectual Property (IP) attorney for the Department of the Navy (DON) and is the senior IP legal advisor to the Chief of Naval Research and the DON senior leadership. He sets DON legal policy pertaining to IP. He is responsible for managing all IP litigation involving DON, a current legal exposure in excess of \$1 billion. Additional responsibilities include managing the Navy trademark program, the DON patent licensing program, and the administration of the Invention Secrecy Act for DON. He is the practice area leader for 60 DON IP attorneys. Mr. Forrest also serves as the Deputy Counsel, Office of Naval Research (ONR) where he supervises 39 attorneys at ONR and three other commands. Mr. Forrest was appointed to this Senior Executive Service position on 30 June 2009. He has served DON for over 30 years.

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Mr. Forrest is the recipient of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award. He received a bachelor of science in electrical engineering from Clarkson University and is a graduate of the Tulane University School of Law. He is a member of the Louisiana and District of Columbia bars, and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.