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THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN R. PARKER

Franklin R. Parker assumed the duties of Assistant Secretary of the Navy (ASN) (Manpower and Reserve Affairs (M&RA)) in January 2016 following his confirmation by the Senate. In this capacity, he is responsible for matters pertaining to manpower and personnel policy within the Department of the Navy (DoN), including issues affecting Active and Reserve Component Sailors and Marines, and DoN civilians.

Prior to his appointment to ASN (M&RA), Mr. Parker served as Chief Counsel for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD). As Chief Counsel, Mr. Parker was MARAD's third-ranking official and chief legal authority. He directed and supervised the Office of Chief Counsel, which provides legal advice and services to all MARAD programs and operations in support of MARAD's mission of promoting the development and maintenance of the U.S. Merchant Marine, and to ensuring that the United States maintains adequate shipbuilding and repair services, efficient ports, effective intermodal transportation systems, and reserve shipping capacity for use in times of national emergency. While with MARAD, Mr. Parker also served on the Department of Transportation (DOT) SES Performance Review Board, and assisted with a variety of workforce efforts led by DOT and the Office of Personnel Management.

Mr. Parker joined MARAD from the Department of the Navy, where he served as Special Assistant to the General Counsel from August 2009 to February 2012, advising the General Counsel and Navy Secretariat on a range of legal issues impacting the Department and its personnel. For his work, Mr. Parker received the Department's Meritorious Public Service Award in 2011, and its Distinguished Public Service Award in 2012.

Prior to his time with the Department of the Navy, Mr. Parker practiced law at three major national firms. Mr. Parker is a graduate of Yale University, Stanford Law School, and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.