
Barry Plunkett III



Special Counsel for Litigation Office of General Counsel

Mr. Plunkett became Special Counsel for Litigation in January 2010. As Special Counsel, he is responsible for the most important litigation matters under the cognizance of the General Counsel of the Navy. Mr. Plunkett also supervises approximately 40 attorneys who represent the Navy on significant cases brought before U.S. Federal Courts and the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals. Previously, Mr. Plunkett was Executive Director/Deputy Counsel in the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) Office of Counsel. At NAVAIR, which is responsible for acquisition management, test and evaluation, repair/modification, in-service engineering, and logistics support for naval aircraft and related weapons systems, Mr. Plunkett assisted NAVAIR's Counsel to lead a legal department of over 100 attorneys and staff.

Mr. Plunkett began his Federal career in 1979 with an assignment to the Office of Counsel to the Navy Comptroller, providing advice on fiscal law and representing the Navy before the United States Bankruptcy Courts. In 1984, Mr. Plunkett joined the NAVAIR Office of Counsel for the first time, where he practiced the law of government contracts and federal employment in support of aircraft and missile programs. He transferred to the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command in 1986, becoming Associate Counsel for Space and Sensor Systems and managing the legal services provided to several of the Command's major acquisition programs, including the Navy's satellite and ocean surveillance programs. In 1994, Mr. Plunkett was selected as the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Research, Development and Acquisition, one of the Navy's senior acquisition attorneys, providing legal advice and services to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, the Navy's Acquisition Executive and Senior Procurement Executive. In September 2001, Mr. Plunkett was appointed Counsel to the Naval Supply Systems Command, where he supervised a legal staff of over 50 attorneys.

Mr. Plunkett received his bachelor's of arts degree in history and government from the College of William and Mary in 1976. He received his juris doctorate degree, *cum laude*, from Washington and Lee University in 1979. He was selected for the Senior Executive Service in November 2000 and has received the Navy's Meritorious Civilian Service award and Meritorious Unit Commendation.