
Robert L. Woods



Assistant General Counsel (Manpower and Reserve Affairs)

Mr. Woods was appointed as Assistant General Counsel (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) on November 22, 2009. As AGC(M&RA), he is the legal advisor to the Secretariat for matters concerning military and civilian personnel policy, and he coordinates the efforts of Navy attorneys world-wide in administrative and federal court employment litigation. He was appointed as a member of the Senior Executive Service and as Special Counsel Litigation on June 21, 2009. As Special Counsel, he was responsible for the most important litigation matters under the cognizance of the General Counsel. He also supervises approximately 30 attorneys who represent the Navy on significant cases brought before U.S. Federal Courts and the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals. Prior to his appointment as Special Counsel, he served as the Department of the Navy's Deputy Assistant General Counsel (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) from June 2007. Prior to this appointment, he served as Counsel for the Office of Civilian Human Resources (OCHR) from March 10, 2003. As OCHR Counsel he served as the principal legal advisor to the staff of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Civilian Human Resources), and the Director, OCHR. Prior to becoming OCHR Counsel, Mr. Woods served as an Associate Counsel within the Office of the Assistant General Counsel (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), Department of the Navy. He has been employed by the Navy Office of General Counsel (OGC) since February 1999. Prior to his employment with the Navy, Mr. Woods was an Assistant Counsel handling labor and employment litigation with the General Services Administration and, prior to that, with the Department of Commerce.

Mr. Woods retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel in February 1998, following 20 years of active duty. During his Air Force career, he was selected to attend law school under the Air Force Funded Legal Education Program. He graduated from Rutgers Law School in 1983 and was then admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Following assignments as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate and Staff Judge Advocate, Mr. Woods was selected to attend Georgetown Law Center under another Air Force scholarship program. There he earned his LL.M. in Labor and Employment Law in 1989. Following assignments as a labor and employment trial attorney at Air Force Headquarters and Staff Judge Advocate at RAF Alconbury, UK, Mr. Woods concluded his career as the Chief of the Air Force Central Labor Law Office. During his Air Force career, Mr. Woods was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters. He is also a graduate of the Air Force Squadron Officers' School, Air Command and Staff College, and Air War College.

Mr. Woods earned his bachelor's of science degree in psychology from King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA and his master's of arts in human resources management from Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA.

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