



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Hansel Cordeiro, J.D.

Acting Assistant Secretary for Accountability and Whistleblower Protection

Mr. Cordeiro was named Acting Assistant Secretary for Accountability and Whistleblower Protection on January 20, 2021. The Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection (OAWP) was established under the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017 and advises the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on all matters relating to accountability.



Mr. Cordeiro leads OAWP's Investigations Directorate where he oversees: investigations into allegations of whistleblower retaliation; investigations into allegations of senior leader misconduct and poor performance; referrals of whistleblower disclosures made by VA employees and applicants for employment to VA offices for investigation; quality assurance of OAWP's investigative process; and the development and implementation of whistleblower rights and protections training for VA employees.

Mr. Cordeiro previously worked in VA's Office of General Counsel (OGC). He was a principal advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and General Counsel on matters related to employment and labor law. Mr. Cordeiro started his career at VA in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and helped implement VA's Caregiver Support Program.

Prior to joining VA, Mr. Cordeiro worked for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) where he helped implement several landmark reforms to the Government's personnel systems.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2019 – Present	Executive Director for Investigations, Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection
2018 – 2019	Associate Chief Counsel/Senior Level Executive, Office of General Counsel (OGC) Personnel Law Group
2016 – 2018	Deputy Chief Counsel, OGC Personnel Law Group
2012 – 2016	Attorney, OGC Personnel Law Group
2011 – 2012	Program Specialist, Veterans Health Administration
2009 – 2011	Legislative Analyst, U.S. Office of Personnel Management

EDUCATION:

- 2018 Leadership for a Democratic Society, Federal Executive Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia
- 2006 Juris Doctor, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kansas
- 2004 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Hunter College of the City University of New York, New York