



## **Department of Veterans Affairs**

### **Senior Executive Biography**

#### **William A. Hudson, Jr.**

#### **Principal Deputy General Counsel Performing the Delegable Duties of the General Counsel**

Mr. William A. Hudson, Jr. was appointed Acting General Counsel and Principal Deputy Counsel on November 10, 2019. As the Chief Legal Officer of the Department and Legal Advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, he oversees and coordinates the work of the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) Central Office Law Groups, OGC's District Chief Counsel Offices, and OGC's National Practice Groups, which provide legal services in areas encompassing all of VA's Veterans' programs, personnel, torts, and general law subject matters.



Immediately prior to joining VA, Mr. Hudson served at the Department of Defense (DoD) as Senior Counsel and Director, Congressional Investigations, Office of General Counsel. He previously served twice at DoD in the Office of General Counsel as Acting Deputy General Counsel (Legislation). Mr. Hudson is a four-time recipient of the Secretary of Defense's Award for Exceptional Civilian Service.

Mr. Hudson retired from the United States Army in 2010 as a Colonel with over 27 years of active service. His past assignments include serving as Special Assistant for Legal and International Security Affairs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs. Previous assignments include Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division and Fort Stewart, Georgia, where he deployed twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I and III; Chief Counsel, Investigations and Legislation for the Office of the Chief, U.S. Army Legislative Liaison; Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army III Armored Corps and Fort Hood, Texas. Mr. Hudson's military awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, United Nations Medal in Haiti, Parachutist's Badge, and Combat Action Badge.

Mr. Hudson's education includes a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College; the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; a Master of Laws from the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School; a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law; and a Bachelor of Arts from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. He is admitted to practice before the State of South Carolina, the United States Army Court of Criminal Appeals, the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the United States Supreme Court.