



Eric J. Nestor

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Eric Nestor was appointed to the Senior Executive Service and became Chief Procurement Law Counsel & Chief Trial Attorney on February 9, 2014. Mr. Nestor is principal counsel to the Assistant Commandant for Acquisition, the Program Executive Officer, and the Head of Contracting Activity, as well as the Vice Commandant who serves as the Component Acquisition Executive. Mr. Nestor also serves on the senior leadership team of the Judge Advocate General and leads the CGJAG's delivery of all acquisition legal services throughout the Coast Guard.



Mr. Nestor came to the Coast Guard from the Navy after twenty two years of civilian service. As Deputy to the Assistant General Counsel and as Acting Assistant General Counsel, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, from 2010 to 2014, he was the chief acquisition attorney for the Navy and chaired the Acquisition Community of Practice, composed of 300 attorneys practicing acquisition law worldwide in over 170 locations. Mr. Nestor was a leader in negotiating a final settlement of the termination of the A-12 fighter aircraft program, netting the Navy \$400 million in products and services, and advancing the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program. As Executive Assistant to the Deputy General Counsel of the Navy from 2004 to 2006, Mr. Nestor helped lead a worldwide force of 640 attorneys and other professionals, and provided legal, business and policy advice and guidance to the Deputy General Counsel, the General Counsel, and senior members of the Navy Secretariat.

Mr. Nestor served nine years and three tours at Naval Air Systems Command. As Senior Associate Counsel for Tactical Aircraft Programs, Assault/Special Mission Aircraft Programs, and the Joint Strike Fighter Program, Mr. Nestor advised two-star flag and general officer Program Executive Officers and their Senior Executive Service assistants. His 17 attorneys advised program managers and contracting officers concerning all Navy manned fixed and rotary wing aircraft programs. As Associate Counsel for the F/A-18 Strike-Fighter Programs, Mr. Nestor was a member of the F/A-18 program Executive Leadership Team and the F/A-18 Management Team, and advised 18 Integrated Product Teams that managed eleven Acquisition Category I and II programs, and numerous others, as well as all Foreign Military Sales supporting six foreign national fleets totaling over 300 aircraft. He earlier served as Associate Counsel for Maritime Surveillance (P-3 & S-3) Programs.

As Trial Attorney at the Department of Justice from 1999-2001, Mr. Nestor represented numerous agencies in the Court of Federal Claims and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He was on the team that tried a \$4.8 billion dispute involving the Navy's default termination of the A-12 aircraft contract over six weeks. The successful trial outcome eventually led to the recent final settlement of the case. He earlier served as a Trial Attorney for the Navy before the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals, and as an Assistant Procurement Counsel at Military Sealift Command. Before becoming an attorney, Mr. Nestor served on active duty in the Navy and was a graduate of the Navy Diving and Explosive Ordnance Disposal School.

Mr. Nestor is a graduate of the University Of Maryland School Of Law and received a Bachelor of Arts, Magna cum Laude, from the University Maryland.