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Kenneth E. Patton serves as a Managing Associate General Counsel in GAO's Office of General Counsel. He oversees GAO's bid protest function and is responsible for leading and managing the attorneys and administrative staff responsible for resolving bid protests filed at GAO.

Mr. Patton began his legal career as an active-duty Army Judge Advocate. While in the service he transitioned from advising on criminal and operational law to advising contracting officials and defending government contract protests. From there, he moved to the Office of General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). While at HHS, he continued his government contracts practice expanding into defending government contract disputes.

He then transitioned to GAO to support GAO's Defense Capabilities and Management audit team. In 2006 he became the Assistant General Counsel supporting GAO's Contracting and National Security Acquisitions audit team and in 2015 became one of the Managing Associate General Counsels responsible for GAO's bid protest function.

Mr. Patton earned a J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center and a bachelor's degree in English from Morehouse College.