



Biography: Inspector General Sean W. O'Donnell

Sean W. O'Donnell was sworn in as the Inspector General of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on January 27, 2020. The mission of the Office of Inspector General is to promote economy and efficiency at the EPA and the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, as well as detect and prevent waste, fraud, and abuse related to the programs and operations of those two agencies. To this end, Mr. O'Donnell oversees a nationwide workforce of attorneys, auditors, special agents, and support personnel who support the Office's mission by providing evidence-based reports to the agencies, the public, and to

Congress. For nearly three years, Mr. O'Donnell also served as the acting Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Defense, leading a work force of over 1,800 oversight professionals charged with providing independent and objective oversight of the world's largest organization.

Prior to becoming the Inspector General, Mr. O'Donnell spent 15 years at the U.S. Department of Justice, most recently as a prosecutor in the Criminal Division's Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section. Over his career at the DOJ, he handled a wide range of criminal and civil matters, such as commercial and governmental fraud, corruption, and national security matters. In total, Mr. O'Donnell's work in fighting fraud helped return billions to the U.S. Treasury and brought numerous individuals and corporations to justice. Mr. O'Donnell received numerous awards and honors from across the U.S. Government, including the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service and Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service.

Early in his career, Mr. O'Donnell clerked on both the federal court of appeals and the federal district court. He also spent time in private practice, working on intellectual property and antitrust litigation, among other matters. Mr. O'Donnell is active in his community, having served on his city's redistricting and ethics commissions. His contribution to youth sports in his community has been recognized through awards and other accolades.

Mr. O'Donnell has a bachelor's degree in economics from Texas A&M University, a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Washington, and a master's degree in economics and a law degree from the University of Texas at Austin.