

## Leigh A. Bradley

General Counsel U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



Leigh A. Bradley was sworn in as VA's General Counsel on December 18, 2014. Ms. Bradley previously served as the VA General Counsel from 1998-2001.

Prior to her appointment as VA General Counsel, Ms. Bradley served as the Director, Department of Defense Standards of Conduct Office, where she was responsible for the Defense Department's ethics program and policies. She has previously served in a variety of legal and policy positions in the Federal Government and the private sector. She served as the Chief Risk Officer of the American Red Cross where she oversaw the ethics, compliance, and risk management activities of one of the largest nonprofit organizations in the country. Immediately prior to that, Ms. Bradley was a partner at Holland & Knight LLP, specializing in federal procurement law matters.

Ms. Bradley has previously held a variety of legal positions in the Federal Government. From 1994-1998, she was the Principal Deputy General Counsel of the Navy. From 1987-1994, she was a senior attorney in the DoD Office of the Deputy General Counsel (Personnel & Health Policy), where she was responsible for an array of legal issues.

Before joining the DoD General Counsel's office, Ms. Bradley served for five years on active duty as an Air Force judge advocate, focused primarily on military justice matters. As a Reservist, she taught trial advocacy at the Air Force JAG School.

Ms. Bradley graduated magna cum laude from the University of Alabama in 1978 and from its law school in 1981, where she and her partner won first place honors at a national moot court competition. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She has been awarded the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service, the Department of Veterans Affairs Exceptional Service Award, and the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service.