

**Thomas J. Alphonso**, Assistant Director, Policy and Implementation, VBA Education Service, Washington, DC. Tom graduated from the United States Military Academy in 2000. After serving six years as an Army officer in both the Infantry and the Finance Corps, including a two-year tour in Korea, he earned his J.D. from Boston College Law School in 2009. He is a member of both the Massachusetts and New York bars. He joined VA in 2009 as a Presidential Management Fellow on Compensation Service's Regulation Staff. He became the Team Lead of Education Service's Policy and Regulations Team in 2013 and the Assistant Director for Policy and Implementation in 2017. Tom lives in Washington D.C. with his wife and their two daughters.