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Greg Winfree originally came to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA) in March, 2010 and was sworn in as its fourth Administrator on October 23, 2013. As directed in the Omnibus Bill of 2014, RITA was elevated to the newly-created Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, and on January 23, 2014, Mr. Winfree was sworn in as the Assistant Secretary. During his tenure, Mr. Winfree has also served as the agency's Chief Counsel, Deputy Administrator, and Acting Administrator, and as chairman of the Department of Transportation's Innovation Council.

Prior to his appointments, Mr. Winfree served as Chief Litigation Counsel for Freeport-McMoRan Corporation, a leading international mining and natural resource producer; as Senior Litigation Counsel at Union Carbide Corporation; and as Director of Litigation for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. Prior to his in-house corporate legal work, Winfree was a Trial Attorney in the Housing and Civil Enforcement Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division. He started his legal career as an Associate at the Venable law firm in Washington, D.C.

As both an innovator with design and utility patents to his credit and an experienced Intellectual Property litigator, Mr. Winfree has a special affinity for the Department's diverse transportation research, innovation and knowledge management mission. Much of his career aligns with organizations with a strong focus in the STEM (Science, Education, Technology and Mathematics) disciplines, and in his official capacity at the Department, Mr. Winfree has spoken extensively on the importance of STEM education to the future transportation workforce.

Assistant Secretary Winfree earned a B.S. degree in Communications/Public Relations from St. John's University and a J.D. from Georgetown University, where he served as Lead Articles Editor for *The Tax Lawyer*, the official publication of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation. He carries a valid motorcycle endorsement and is an advocate for advancing safety for motorcyclists and other vulnerable road users. An avid rider, he is a founding member of the USDOT Triskelions Motorcycle Club and has ridden across the country on a number of occasions.