



Biography

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY
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Chandra Ramey General Counsel

Chandra Ramey is the general counsel for the Defense Commissary Agency, headquartered at Fort Lee, Va. As the DeCA director's chief legal advisor, she manages all federal and state court litigation involving DeCA or its employees related to mission and job performance in areas of equal employment opportunity, civil rights, labor-management relations, merit principles, civilian personnel law, procurement, contractor and licensee relations, patents, trademarks, service marks and copyrights, and all other aspects of personnel and commercial law.

DeCA has annual sales exceeding \$4 billion, with more than 13,000 employees serving in a headquarters element and five geographic areas supporting nearly 240 commissaries located in 13 countries worldwide.

Ms. Ramey also serves as the Designated Agency Ethics Official and is responsible for Freedom of Information Act and Privacy requests, alternative dispute resolution, civil liberties programs, and the fraud, waste and abuse program. She was appointed to this position effective Dec. 5, 2021.

Ms. Ramey had served as acting general counsel since April 11, 2021, while also assigned as the principal deputy general counsel, a position she was selected to Aug. 19, 2018.

Prior to DeCA, Ms. Ramey was the labor counselor for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, HQ, 21st Theater Sustainment Command (TSC), U.S. Army Europe at Kaiserslautern, Germany, responsible for federal employment law advice to 21st TSC and tenant organizations in the Kaiserslautern Military Community as well as elsewhere in Europe.

For 14 years, Ms. Ramey served as an attorney in the Office of the Solicitor, Alaska Region, U.S. Department of Interior, Anchorage, Alaska, responsible for federal employment law and for serving as the office's lead Special Assistant U.S. Attorney prosecuting cases arising on lands in Alaska managed by the U.S. Department of Interior as well as matters falling under the jurisdiction of the agency.

Ms. Ramey also served on active duty in the U.S. Army as a judge advocate, serving at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Fort Bliss Texas, and Fort Wainwright, Alaska, providing legal services to soldiers, family members and commanders in assignments including legal assistance, trial counsel, trial defense, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Chief of Claims for U.S. Army Alaska, and legal advisor to Bassett Army Community Hospital. Over the course of her nearly 30-year career, Ms. Ramey has specialized in litigation, criminal law, and labor and employment law, while also providing legal counsel in the areas including ethics, Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, installation law, medical law and administrative law.



EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

Denison University, Bachelor of Arts in Economics, cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Granville, Ohio
Case Western Reserve School of Law, Juris Doctor Program, cum laude, merit scholar, Cleveland, Ohio
Judge Advocate General's School, 136th Officer Basic Course, Charlottesville, Virginia

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

November 2021 - present, General Counsel, Defense Commissary Agency, Ft. Lee, Virginia
April 2021 - November 2021, Acting General Counsel, Defense Commissary Agency, Ft. Lee, Virginia
2018 - November 2021, Principal Deputy General Counsel, Defense Commissary Agency, Ft. Lee, Virginia
2014 - 2018, Labor Counselor, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany
2000 - 2014, Attorney and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, Anchorage, Alaska
1998 - 2000, Trial Defense Attorney, Trial Defense Service, Fort Wainwright, Alaska
1997 - 1998, Chief of Claims, U.S. Army Alaska, Fort Wainwright, Alaska
1996 - 1997, Trial Counsel and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Fort Bliss, Texas

1995 - 1996, Legal Assistance Attorney, Fort Sill, Oklahoma

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Ohio (1994)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Army Forces (1995)

(Current as of December 2021)