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## **Captain Robert A. Alonso**

### **Medical Corps, United States Navy**

CAPT Alonso holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from the University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, Newport, RI, and a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Louisville, School of Medicine.

CAPT Alonso's military career began in 1985 as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps through the Health Professions Scholarship Program while a medical student at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. Upon graduating in 1988 with an M.D., he received a commission as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps. He completed his Family Practice Internship at Naval Hospital Charleston, South Carolina, then reported as Battalion Surgeon, 5th Bn/11th Marine Artillery Regiment stationed at 29 Palms Marine Corps Air

Ground Combat Center, CA. Following his general medical officer tour, he reported to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Virginia for his Psychiatry Residency, graduating in June 1993. From July, 1993 to 1996, he served as Inpatient Director then Department Head of the Psychiatry Department of Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan. In July 1996, he reported as Division Psychiatrist/Assistant Division Surgeon for the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He assumed the duties as Group Surgeon for 1st Force Service Support Group, I MEF in August 1999. In 2000, he deployed with 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade to Kenya and Tanzania as the Combined-Joint Task Force Surgeon for Exercises Natural Fires/Native Fury.

Following the consecutive tours within I MEF, CAPT Alonso was selected to attend the Naval War College, enrolling in the College of Naval Warfare. He graduated with an M.A. in November 2002 and reported for his joint tour to Joint Task Force-Civil Support (JTF-CS) as Command Surgeon. During this tour he was a Plank Owner for U.S. Northern Command, participating in the development of the mission scope, concept of operations, and manning requirements for the NORTHCOM Surgeon's Directorate.

Following his tour at JTF-CS, in May 2005 he was selected as Department Head for Psychiatry at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA. Concurrently, he was appointed Department Head for Contingency Planning, developing hospital contingency plans and functioning as the hospital's emergency manager. In October 2006, he reported to FIRST Naval Construction Division as Force Surgeon, charged with the medical readiness and healthcare of the 18,600 man force. He reported as Executive Officer of Expeditionary Medical Facility Kuwait in December 2009 for a one year deployment, providing Level III health services to the Kuwait and Northern Persian Gulf areas. Upon redeployment in January 2011, he served as Combat and Operational Stress Control Consultant for Individual Augmentee mental health issues to the Director, N1, Fleet Forces Command. In June 2011, he reported to his current billet as Deputy, Medical Officer of the Marine Corps.

CAPT Alonso's awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), the Global War on Terror Service and Expeditionary Medals, the Fleet Marine Force Ribbon, and additional unit and campaign awards.



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.

## **JOHN A. CASCIOTTI**

Mr. Casciotti is Senior Associate Deputy General Counsel (Health Affairs), Department of Defense. He has held that position since 1988. In this capacity, he is the principal attorney for the DoD health care system. His prior positions in the Department of Defense were as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Program Management), 1987-1988, and Counselor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), 1985-1987.

His previous government positions were as Associate General Counsel for Enforcement, Department of Health and Human Services, 1982-1985, Deputy Executive Secretary (Human Services), Department of Health and Human Services, 1981-1982, Minority Labor Counsel, U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, 1979-1980, and Assistant to U.S. Senator Richard S. Schweiker, 1974-1978.

Mr. Casciotti is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 1979, and the Pennsylvania State University, B.A. in Political Science, with distinction, 1974. He is a member of the District of Columbia bar.

Mr. Casciotti has received the following awards for governmental service: Secretary of HHS Award for Exceptional Achievement, 1982; HHS Bronze Medallion Seal Award, 1983; Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service, 1988; Surgeon General's (Public Health Service) Exemplary Service Award, 1989; Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service, 1995, 1997, 2001; Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service, 1997; Presidential Rank Award as Distinguished Senior Professional, 2003; Presidential Rank Award as Meritorious Senior Professional, 2005.



**Paul R. Cordts, MD, MSS, FACS**  
**Deputy Director, Healthcare Operations Directorate**  
**Deputy Chief Medical Officer**  
**Defense Health Agency**

Dr. Paul R. Cordts was appointed into the Senior Executive Service on July 26, 2015. He is presently serving as the Deputy Director and Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Healthcare Operations Directorate (HCOD), Defense Health Agency. Dr. Cordts serves as principal staff assistant/advisor to the Director, HCOD in execution of DoD clinical policies, programs and activities, as well as provides oversight for a broad range of quality assessment/quality improvement efforts and safe healthcare delivery throughout the Military Health System (MHS). He assists the Director in management of seven major Divisions: Operations, Readiness, Clinical Support, TRICARE Health Plan, Pharmacy, Warrior Care and Public Health.

Dr. Cordts began his Army career in 1980 as a Distinguished Military Graduate from ROTC at The Johns Hopkins University. He entered the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS; Bethesda, Md.) and graduated with an MD in 1984. He completed his internship and residency in General Surgery at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas, in 1989 and a Vascular Surgery Fellowship at Boston University Medical Center in 1992. As an Army officer he served at every level, including Program Director, General Surgery and Chief, Department of Surgery, Tripler Army Medical Center, HI; Director, Health Policy and Services, Office of The Surgeon General and Military Treatment Facility commands at Fort Stewart, GA and Fort Campbell, KY. He deployed as a vascular surgeon to Operation Iraqi Freedom. His military awards include: Legion of Merit (4 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), and Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC). He has earned the Expert Field Medical Badge, Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge.

Dr. Cordts retired from the U.S. Army as a Colonel after 30 years of Service. His final position was as Lead Physician for Army Medicine's Performance Triad (Sleep, Activity and Nutrition). Immediately following retirement, Dr. Cordts served as the Senior Medical Compliance Officer, Clinical Support Division, HCOD and DHA representative to the High Reliability Organization Task Force, developing Action Plans for the MHS 90-Day Review, directed by the Secretary of Defense. In addition, he co-chaired the Transparency Initiative Group, a Tri-service committee whose role was in developing a framework for MHS Transparency and identifying Access, Quality and Patient Safety measures for useful/user-friendly public reporting.

Dr. Cordts is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, member of the Order of Military Medical Merit and board-certified in General Surgery and Vascular Surgery. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Distinguished Fellow of the Society for Vascular Surgery and Associate Professor of Surgery at USUHS. He has authored/co-authored >20 articles in peer-reviewed journals and 2 book chapters. His wife Patricia is a retired Army Nurse Corps officer. She is a nurse anesthetist and earned a Doctorate of Nursing Practice with Post Graduate Certificate as a Nurse Educator from the University of Nevada, Reno.



# United States Navy Biography

## Vice Admiral C. Forrest Faison, III Surgeon General Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

A native of Norfolk, Virginia, Vice Adm. Forrest Faison received his bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University and his medical degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He completed post-graduate training in general pediatrics at Naval Hospital San Diego and fellowship training in neurodevelopmental pediatrics at the University of Washington.

From 2013 to 2015, Faison served as the deputy surgeon general of the Navy and deputy chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Prior to reporting to this assignment, he served as commander, Navy Medicine West and Naval Medical Center (NMC) San Diego where he was responsible for medical care and support to over 850,000 eligible beneficiaries by a staff of 16,000 at 10 hospitals and over 30 clinics from the West Coast to the Indian Ocean. He coordinated the Navy Medicine support response to Operation Tomodachi, and was awarded the California Medical Community's Lighthouse Award for visionary leadership and inspiring health innovation, a first for the Department of Defense.



Additionally, he served as deputy chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, for Current and Future Healthcare Operations; commanding officer Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton; commanding officer, U.S. Expeditionary Medical Facility; and U.S. Medical Task Force, Kuwait. In that role, Faison led a tri-service task force of subordinate commands and was responsible for all healthcare operations in Kuwait, Qatar and Southern Iraq, including all medical logistics support throughout U.S. Central Command.

Faison's other assignments included Deputy Commander, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Portsmouth, Virginia.; Group Surgeon, 3d Force Service Support Group, Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific; director of Department of Defense (DOD) Telemedicine, Washington D.C.; chief information officer, Navy Medicine; U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan; Naval Hospital Lemoore; USS Texas (CGN 39); and Amphibious Group 3.

Faison assumed duty as the 38th Surgeon General of the Navy Dec. 15, 2015.

Faison is board certified in pediatrics and is an associate clinical professor of pediatrics at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He has several publications on neurodevelopmental outcomes of premature infants as well as other publications and book chapters on the topics of the future of Wounded Warrior care and use of telemedicine and health informatics in healthcare. He is a senior member of the American College of Physician Executives. His personal awards include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (five awards); Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards); Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal and numerous unit and campaign awards.

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Maria Avignone Fried  
Associate Deputy General Counsel  
(Personnel and Health Policy)

Ms. Fried is an Associate Deputy General Counsel, in the Office of General Counsel, for Personnel and Health Policy. In that capacity, she renders legal advice on a variety of issues, to include wounded warrior matters, sexual assault, labor law, health law, women in combat, and other military personnel matters.

Prior to joining the Office of General Counsel, Ms. Fried was the General Counsel for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. As the Chief Legal Advisor, Ms. Fried provided managers with legal advice pertaining to all aspects of employment law, fiscal law, and administrative law.

After graduating from Georgetown University Law Center in June 1991, Ms. Fried received a direct commission, as a first lieutenant, in the Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps. She served on active duty as an assistant staff judge advocate until July 2003. She transitioned into the Air Force reserve and retired in 2013 at the rank of lieutenant colonel. Throughout her military career, Ms. Fried served in numerous positions to include Chief of Military Justice at Travis Air Force Base, California, and at Bolling Air Force Base, District of Columbia. She also provided legal advice on plethora of issues, to include procurement matters, environmental law and personnel law. Ms. Fried also served as an executive officer to the 11<sup>th</sup> Wing Commander, Bolling Air Force Base, District of Columbia, and to the Staff Judge Advocate, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph, Air Force Base, Texas.

Located in Los Alamos, New Mexico, Tim Haight is an attorney within DoD's Defense Health Agency. Tim specializes in information technology and acts as a subject matter expert and counsel to major IT acquisitions. He entered Government service in 2002 where he served on active duty with the U.S. Army JAG Corps and later with the Texas National Guard. Prior to his current assignment, Tim served with US Army MEDCOM and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Originally from Ashtabula, Ohio, he completed his B.A. at The Ohio State University and received his J.D. from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Tim holds current bar membership through the State of Ohio and is also admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. Tim resides in Northern New Mexico with his wife, Katherine and their two boys, Matthew and Presley. He can be reached at [timothy.j.haight.civ@mail.mil](mailto:timothy.j.haight.civ@mail.mil) and <https://www.linkedin.com/in/tjhaight>.

Jason Kaar is the General Counsel at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS), in Bethesda, MD. A 1985 graduate of the University of Tennessee, College of Law, Mr. Kaar has been affiliated with USUHS since 1997. Mr. Kaar's areas of legal concentration include Government Ethics (Standards of Conduct) Medical Research, Graduate Medical Education, Telehealth Care, and International Humanitarian Law, including the Law of Armed Conflict as it applies to medical personnel. He is the Chair of the University's Section on Medical Jurisprudence, and holds a faculty appointment as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Military and Emergency Medicine. From 2001-2005 Mr. Kaar assisted in the development and was a faculty member of the Course on the International Law of Armed Conflict sponsored by the International Committee of Military Medicine and the General Staff of the Swiss Armed Forces.

## Salvatore M. Maida

A native of Long Island, New York, Salvatore (Sal) Maida received his Bachelor's of Science degree from Norwich University in 1992. He earned his commission in the Navy via NROTC and upon graduation reported aboard USS ANZIO (CG 68) where he served as a Surface Warfare Officer and latter as an NROTC instructor at the University of Pennsylvania. He earned his MBA from Villanova University in 1999.

In 1999, Maida was selected for the Law Education Program and attended law school at Wake Forest University where he earned his Juris Doctor degree. He was subsequently assigned to the Trial Service East Office in Norfolk, VA where he served first as a trial counsel and then as the chief trial counsel. For his contributions at the Trial Service Office he was awarded the American Bar Association's *Outstanding Young Military Lawyer of the Year award*.

In 2004, Maida reported to the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) as the Command Judge Advocate. In 2006, he detached EISENHOWER and attended the University of Virginia School of Law where he earned his LL.M. with a specialization in healthcare law.

In 2007, Maida served as the Staff Judge advocate for the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) where he practiced healthcare law and military justice. In 2013, he became the Deputy Director of the Navy's General Litigation Division where he served until his retirement from the Navy in 2014, after which he returned to BUMED as the Director of Medical-Legal Affairs where he is currently serving.

Maida is licensed to practice law in North Carolina. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service medal (2 awards); Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3 awards); Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards) and numerous unit and campaign awards.

**Joanne R. (Jodye) Marvin**  
**Senior Trial Counsel**  
**Torts Branch, FTCA Staff**  
**Civil Division, Department of Justice**

Jodye currently serves as a Senior Trial Counsel in the Torts Branch, FTCA Staff, Department of Justice. She has 11 years of experience dealing with FTCA issues and 19 years dealing with broader tort, trust, bankruptcy, litigation, and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) issues. Her legal career began in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps in 1979, with assignments that included Fort Meade, Maryland, the Third Infantry Division, Germany, and the Army Litigation Division. She was a DOJ FTCA Staff Attorney for three of her four Army Litigation years. Upon completing that assignment, Jodye transitioned to the corporate legal arena in 1989 as in-house counsel for the Manville Personal Injury Settlement Trust. The Trust was established as part of the Manville Corporation's bankruptcy proceedings in the Southern District of New York. The initial projections for Manville's asbestos personal injury claims anticipated that 100,000 claims would be filed over the life of the Trust. Instead, over 700,000 claims were filed, and that number continues to grow. As a result, the bankruptcy plan's claims procedures and values required frequent revision. Successive payment plans functioned much like the Federal Tort Claims Act in the ways they controlled and limited claims and litigation. Jodye's Trust experience included litigation, litigation management, and ADR program development and advocacy. From 2003 to 2008, she served as General Counsel for the Trust's claims servicing facility, Claims Resolution Management Corporation (CRMC). After 19 years at the Manville Trust, Jodye returned to the DOJ FTCA Staff 8 years ago. She assists AUSAs and agency counsel regarding FTCA case development, trial, settlement strategy, and settlement document drafting. She reviews and makes recommendations regarding appeal and requests for settlement authorization for amounts that exceed agency or U.S. Attorneys' authority.

BARBARA I. MOIDEL, M.A.  
Special Assistant for Healthcare Resolutions

Barbara I. Moidel, M.A. has been at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (formerly the National Naval Medical Center) in Bethesda, Maryland for thirty-six years, initially serving as staff speech/language pathologist and then chief of the service. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from Ohio University and a Master of Arts degree in Speech Pathology from Western Michigan University. Ms. Moidel holds certification as a general mediator, workplace mediator, disability mediator, healthcare mediator, Navy mediator and organizational ombudsman. Ms. Moidel conducted mediations for other federal agencies through the Shared Neutrals Program under the auspices of the Department of Health and Human Services. She served for eight years on the Department of the Navy Board for Correction of Naval Records. Ms. Moidel designed and created the Organizational Ombudsman/Mediator Program in July 2001, renamed in 2007 as the Healthcare Mediation Program, renamed as Special Assistant for Healthcare Resolutions in 2010. While it started as a multi-faceted program, the greatest need was determined to be in healthcare, and the program is currently focused exclusively on healthcare issues. Among the primary functions of the program are to resolve complex healthcare issues/concerns/disputes associated with unanticipated outcomes of care at the time of service delivery, ensuring a fair resolution process for patients and families, providers and the organization, to train providers in disclosure techniques, to promote organizational transparency and to help the organization "do the right thing" when there are adverse outcomes of care. The program was adopted by Kaiser Permanente in 2003 and is now in twenty-eight of their California facilities. Ms. Moidel served as co-trainer and coach for Kaiser Permanente. She has assisted multiple military medical treatment facilities worldwide in resolving healthcare disputes and has provided disclosure training to Navy, Army and Air Force providers worldwide. In 2008, she was named as Specialty Advisor for Healthcare Mediation to the Surgeon General of the Navy.

Program expansion has occurred throughout Army, Navy and Air Force Medicine and is currently under Department of Defense Instruction. Ms. Moidel designed and delivered an intensive training program followed by weekly coaching sessions for all of the healthcare resolutions specialists. This service will be extended to all upcoming healthcare resolutions specialists.

Ms. Moidel has traveled extensively to military medical treatment facilities throughout the United States as well as Yokosuka, Rota, Okinawa, Landstuhl and Lakenheath to train providers throughout Army, Navy and Air Force Medicine in disclosure techniques to be utilized following adverse medical events or unanticipated outcomes of care. The program has been endorsed by the Surgeons General of Army, Navy and Air Force.

In July 2012, Ms. Moidel was a recipient of the Department of the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award.

Ms. Moidel has been active in her community, having served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees in a community of 1600 homes.

Laura M. Odwazny is a Senior Attorney with the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Ms. Odwazny's primary client is the Office for Human Research Protections, which interprets and enforces the HHS regulations that provide protections for human research subjects. Ms. Odwazny also currently advises the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, the HHS Office on Women's Health, and the HHS Office of Global Affairs. Throughout her 14 years with the Office of the General Counsel, Ms. Odwazny has provided legal advice to various other agencies within HHS, including the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, the Program Support Center Division of FOIA Services, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, and the Office of Research Integrity. Prior to her employment with HHS, Ms. Odwazny served as a law clerk to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Ms. Odwazny is a graduate of the University of Chicago and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and received a M.A. in Bioethics through the History and Philosophy of Science Department at the University of Pittsburgh.

## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **MR. CHARLES E. ORCK**

Mr. Charles E. Orck is the Chief of Healthcare and Administrative Law for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters, United States Army Medical Command (MEDCOM), Joint Base San Antonio, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He began his duties at MEDCOM in January 2002. He provides legal advice and counsel to the Office of The Surgeon General (OTSG) and the MEDCOM leadership and staff, Regional Health Commands, and Military Treatment Facilities on a variety of medico-legal subjects.

Mr. Orck is the son of Army parents. He earned his Bachelors Degree in History from the University of Georgia in 1972. He was commissioned through the Reserve Officer's Training Corps upon graduation. Mr. Orck was awarded the Juris Doctor degree from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1975. While in law school, he served on the Editorial Board, of the *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law*.

Mr. Orck served as a judge advocate in the United States Air Force for nearly 27 years, from August 1975 to February 2002. He served as a Staff Judge Advocate twice, at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, and Torrejon Air Base, Spain. He was the Air Staff Training Officer (ASTRA) for The Judge Advocate General in 1981.

Mr. Orck served as the Chief of Air Force Claims, the first Chief of Plans and Programs for the Air Force Legal Services Agency, and the Director of General Law, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. In 2002 he retired from the Air Force in the grade of Colonel.

Mr. Orck is a graduate of the Air War College, the Armed Forces Staff College, the Air Command and Staff College, and the Air Force Squadron Officers School.

His military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

His civilian awards include the Order of Military Medical Merit, the OTSG/MEDCOM Senior Employee of the Year for 2010, the Army Superior Civilian Service Award, and the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.

Mr. Orck is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, the American Bar Association, and the American Health Lawyers Association. He has been admitted to practice before the Georgia Court of Appeals; the Supreme Court of Georgia; and the United States Court of Military Appeals.

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## Biography

# United States Air Force

### **MR. JOSEPH A. PROCACCINO, JR.**

#### ***LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE SURGEON GENERAL***

Mr. Joseph A. Procaccino, Jr. is an attorney licensed in Virginia and the District of Columbia. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in both Classical Humanities and also Political Science from George Washington University. He received his Juris Doctor degree from American University and a Masters degree in Forensic Medicine from George Washington University. He has been in government service since 1969.

Mr. Procaccino is the Legal Advisor to the Surgeon General, United States Air Force, and serves as Senior Counsel for Health Affairs for the Air Force Judge Advocate General. He also serves as the legal representative to the Surgeon General's Medical Practice Review Board and Clinical Investigation Review Committee, and participates in the Department of Defense Health Affairs Committee for Risk Management and Quality Assurance. He is appointed as an Assistant Professor of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics at the Uniformed Services University for the Health Sciences where he teaches Medical Jurisprudence and Bioethical issues. He has also been designated as a lecturer on Bioethics at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, and is on the faculty of the Defense Department's Medxcellence Program. He has spent twenty years as Medico-Legal Editor of "The Reporter", the journal of The Air Force Judge Advocate General.

Mr. Procaccino is the recipient of the James O. Wrightson Award as the outstanding civilian attorney for the Air Force and holds both a Distinguished Educator Award and the Outstanding Service Medal from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He is also the recipient of the Air Force Meritorious Civilian Service Medal.

In addition to his government service, Mr. Procaccino has been appointed as an Adjunct Associate Professor of Health Law at the University of Maryland Graduate School, and an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Central Michigan University, teaching ethics and medical law. He has been on the faculty of Georgetown University's Healthcare Leadership Institute teaching professional ethics during its eleven year tenure, and served as an elected member of the Alexandria Hospital Corporation and the New York Academy of Sciences. Mr. Procaccino has published numerous articles and lectures internationally to healthcare and legal groups on the subjects of health law, medical liability, and bioethics. He is also editor of the book "Thesaurus of Medical Word Roots."

Mr. Procaccino was commissioned an officer in the U.S. Army Signal Corps in 1973. He subsequently served in the U.S. Army Reserve in both the Signal Corps and Military Intelligence Branch.

He was born in the Bronx, New York and is married to the former Margaret Ann Cizler. They have two daughters, Cristina Marie and Carla Teresa.

(Current as of July 2016)

Jessica Tanner, JD

Jessica Tanner joined VA's Office of General Counsel in 2012. She is a member of the Health Care Law Group, which handles issues concerning health care operations and administration for the Veterans Health Administration. Within the Health Care Law Group, she is Team Lead for issues relating to VA's Care in the Community programs, including the Veterans Choice Program and VA's Plan to Consolidate Community Care Programs. She also works on matters involving eligibility for and enrollment in VA health care, copayments, VA transportation programs, VA homeless programs, and the Randolph Sheppard Act and Veterans Canteen Act. Previously, Ms. Tanner served as VA's counsel for Federal Advisory Committee Act matters. Prior to joining VA, Ms. Tanner served as a law clerk on the Virginia Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Ms. Tanner is a graduate of Harvard College and Washington and Lee University School of Law. She is a member of the Virginia bar.

Steven Weiss is an Associate General Counsel at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. Before coming to the University he served as an Assistant General Counsel with the Office of General Counsel, Washington Headquarters Services and Pentagon Force Protection Agency, in Washington, DC. Mr. Weiss is a graduate of Fordham University School of Law, is a Certified Mediator, and has been a member of the Maryland Bar since 2003.

## **BRYAN T. WHEELER**

Bryan Wheeler serves as Acting General Counsel, Defense Health Agency (DHA), Falls Church, Virginia. Previously, he served as Deputy General Counsel, DHA; Deputy General Counsel, DHA (National Capital Region Medical Directorate); as an Associate General Counsel with the Office of General Counsel (OGC), TRICARE Management Activity (TMA), Falls Church, VA and as an Assistant General Counsel with primary duties as counsel to the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury and the TRICARE Regional Office-North.

He completed a B.A. in Political Science through the University of the State of New York while on Active Duty in Washington in October 1983. He was commissioned through the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Station, Knoxville, Tennessee in July 1986. After completing the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute 16-week program at Patrick AFB, Florida, he returned to the Kansas Air National Guard to serve as the Military Equal Opportunity Officer and resumed his law studies at Washburn. He was subsequently recalled to active duty as a Judge Advocate in October 1988.

In 1995, the Department of Defense selected him as the first military lawyer to participate in Military Health Services System (MHSS) 2020, a project to plan the future of military medical care over the next 25 years. He was a substantial contributor to the project and subsequently co-wrote a chapter in the DoD book, *Envisioning Tomorrow: to Focus Today's Resources* and an article on health care fraud in the AMSUS Journal. He has tried over 200 courts-martial as a prosecutor, defense counsel, and military judge and argued numerous cases before the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the United States Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals. After retiring from the Air Force and prior to assuming his current duties, he served as the Deputy Director, Investigative Project on Terrorism, a counter-terrorism "think tank" in Washington, DC. He has appeared on "CBS 60 Minutes" and National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." In 2013, he also co-authored the article, "Fighting health care fraud in bold and innovative ways" in the AMSUS Journal.

He is a member of the State Bar of Kansas and is licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, Supreme Court of Kansas, and various federal district and appellate courts.

### ***EDUCATION:***

- 1983 Bachelors of Arts, The University of the State of New York
- 1987 Juris Doctorate, Washburn University School of Law
- 1990 Squadron Officers' School

1999 Air Command and Staff College (seminar)  
2016 Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Senior Managers in Government Program

Mar 15 – present Acting General Counsel, DHA, Falls Church, VA  
Feb 14 – Mar 15 Deputy General Counsel, DHA, Falls Church, VA  
Jul 13 – Jan 14 Deputy General Counsel, National Capital Region Medical Directorate, OASD(HA)/TMA/DHA, Bethesda, MD  
Feb 09 – Jul 13 Associate General Counsel, OASD(HA)/TMA, Falls Church, VA  
Mar 07 – Jan 09 Assistant General Counsel, OASD(HA)/TMA, Falls Church, VA  
Feb 06 – Mar 07 Legal and Media Consultant, Washington, DC  
Jul 05 – Feb 06 Deputy Director, Investigative Project on Terrorism, Washington, DC  
Oct 03 – Jun 05 Legal Advisor to 15<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, Travis AFB, CA  
Dec 02 – Oct 03 Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 15<sup>th</sup> AF, Travis AFB, CA  
Jul 01 – Dec 02 Military Judge, Travis AFB, CA  
Jul 98 – Jul 01 Chief Government Trial Counsel and Appellate Government Counsel, Government Trial and Appellate Counsel Division, Bolling AFB, DC  
Jul 96 – Jul 98 Chief Circuit Trial Counsel, European Circuit, Sembach/Ramstein AB, GE  
Jun 94 – Jul 96 USAFE Medical Law Consultant and TRICARE-Europe Legal Counsel, Ramstein AB, Germany  
Sep 91 – Jun 94 Circuit Defense Counsel, Bolling AFB, DC  
Apr 90 – Sep 91 Area Defense Counsel, Homestead AFB, FL  
Dec 88 – Apr 90 Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 31st FW, Homestead AFB, FL  
Jun 86 – Oct 88 Military Equal Opportunity Officer, 190th ARG, KS ANG, Forbes Field, KS

***MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:***

Meritorious Service Medal (with four oak leaf clusters)  
Air Force Commendation Medal (with one oak leaf cluster)  
Air Force Good Conduct Medal

*CURRENT AS OF AUGUST 2016*