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Top Skills

Leadership
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Military

Ruth Semonian Vetter

General Counsel | Ethics & Compliance Leader | U.S. Government
Senior Executive | Veteran
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Summary

Accomplished general counsel and ethics and compliance leader with extensive management experience in both corporate and government organizations. Member of the U.S. Government Senior Executive Service with litigation experience and expertise in ethics and compliance, anti-corruption, investigations, acquisitions, employment law, and international law. Sought-after and dynamic public speaker. Recipient of outstanding performance reviews and military and civilian decorations, to include the Bronze Star Medal and the Secretary of Defense Medal for Distinguished Civilian Service. Able to develop trusting relationships with clients and colleagues, explain complex issues in an easily understood manner, and work on sensitive matters in detail-oriented, deadline-driven environments.

Experience

Defense Logistics Agency

General Counsel

March 2022 - Present (1 year 6 months)

Fort Belvoir, Virginia, United States

Manages a team of over 180 legal professionals providing full service legal support to the nation's combat logistics support agency with over 26,000 employees worldwide and \$42B in annual procurement of goods and services.

Boeing

3 years

Vice President, Ethics

2020 - 2021 (1 year)

Served as the interim vice president, managing Boeing's enterprise-wide ethics program with responsibility for ethics training, hotline and other reporting channel oversight, case intake, and the conflicts of interest program. Partnered with leadership in cultivating and fostering an ethical, speak-up

culture. Led a large, geographically-dispersed team of ethics and compliance professionals. Served as the Chair of the Defense Industry Initiative Executive Working Group and on the International Forum on Ethical Business Conduct Steering Committee.

Senior Director, Ethics & Business Conduct

2018 - 2020 (2 years)

Managed the enterprise anti-corruption program, and advised senior leadership on the range of ethics and compliance matters. Led a team of ethics and compliance professionals located across the globe.

United States Department of Defense

Director, DoD Standards of Conduct Office

2015 - 2018 (3 years)

Served as the senior ethics and compliance official for the Department of Defense and ethics counselor to the Secretary of Defense. Ran a robust conflict of interest program to detect and prevent potential conflicts and to ensure the integrity of government decision-making. Primary point of contact for ethics matters to the Office of Government Ethics, Congress, and the White House. Developed and executed training for DoD's 3,000+ ethics counselors.

Defense Logistics Agency

Chief Counsel, International & Administrative Law/ Senior Associate General Counsel

2008 - 2015 (7 years)

Led a large team of attorney and paralegals at DLA Headquarters, as well as full-service legal offices in Europe and the Pacific. Managed a diverse portfolio including business integrity and government ethics, fiscal and administrative law, and operations and logistics.

Executive Office of the President, The White House

Ethics Counsel, Office of the White House Counsel

2012 - 2012 (less than a year)

[The White House](#)

Appointed as Deputy Designated Agency Ethics Official for the White House. Advised White House senior leadership on complex ethics and compliance matters and trained personnel throughout the Executive Office of the President.

US Army

8 years

Attorney-Advisor

2007 - 2008 (1 year)

U.S. Army Europe Regional Medical Command, Heidelberg, Germany

Served as the primary legal advisor on healthcare law for all U.S. Army Military Treatment Facilities in Europe. Advice covered consent and authority for treatment, release of information, HIPAA, medical ethics, risk management, and credentialing.

U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps

2000 - 2007 (7 years)

Assignments across the globe

As an Army officer and attorney, served in diverse assignments of increasing responsibility across the globe with deployments to Iraq and the Balkans. Roles included serving as a federal prosecutor and representing the government in tort and personnel litigation; advising on international and operational law matters in deployed settings; and running an expansive ethics and compliance program.

Education

Taylor University

Bachelor's degree, Political Science

Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law

Doctor of Law - JD

Elliott School of International Affairs

The National Security Studies Program, National and International Security Strategies

The Federal Executive Institute

Leadership in a Democratic Society