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# Sumara Thompson-King

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## Summary

Sumara Thompson-King is the Deputy General Counsel in the Office of the General Counsel at NASA Headquarters. As Deputy General Counsel (DGC), reports to the General Counsel. She supports the mission of the Office of General Counsel which provides functional leadership regarding legal services and issues related to all aspects of NASA activities. Ms. Thompson-King provides advice and assistance to Agency senior management as required by, or in the absence of, the General Counsel.

Prior to her appointment as Deputy General Counsel, Ms. Thompson-King served as the Associate General Counsel for Contracts, Procurement and Acquisition Integrity Practice Group in the Office of the General Counsel. She provided legal advice and counsel to the NASA Office of Procurement and other Headquarters Offices regarding the statutes, regulations and policies governing Federal Government contracting. Other services provided by the Practice Group included representing the agency in bid protests and contract-related litigation, and provides legal advice regarding suspected fraud and other related irregularities in the acquisition process.

Ms. Thompson-King began her NASA career in 1986, when she joined the Office of Chief Counsel at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. In 1991, Ms. Thompson-King moved to NASA Headquarters to become a Senior Attorney responsible for litigating protests before the General Services Administration Board of Contract Appeals, and in 1995 she became the Deputy Associate General Counsel (Contracts). Before joining NASA, Ms. Thompson-King was an attorney at the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, Washington, DC, where she enforced Federal accessibility laws and regulations.

Ms. Thompson-King received an A.B. in Government from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, and she earned a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC. Ms. Thompson-King is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar.

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## Experience

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Deputy General Counsel

September 2013 - Present (10 years 2 months)

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