



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

December 21, 2021

**MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES,
AND OTHER KEY OFFICIALS**

SUBJECT: Designation of the Department's Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO)

1. DESIGNATION. This memorandum designates Catherine C. Mitrano, Principal Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, as the DAEO for the Department of Veterans Affairs, with the authority to coordinate and manage the agency's ethics program and to provide liaison to the Office of Government Ethics with regard to all aspects of such ethics program. The Chief Counsel, Ethics Specialty Team, is designated as the Alternate DAEO to serve in the absence of the DAEO. All District Chief Counsels and Deputy District Chief Counsels are designated as Deputy Ethics Officials. The DAEO may designate additional Deputy Ethics Officials as needed.

2. AUTHORITY. [The Ethics in Government Act of 1978](#) (Pub. L. 95-521, as amended).

3. RESTRICTIONS. None. This delegation cancels and supersedes all previous delegations of authority that may conflict with this delegation.

4. REDESIGNATION. The DAEO may further redesignate all or part of this authority in writing to Deputy Ethics Officials as outlined above.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This designation is effective upon signature. I waive the two-year sunset date required by [VA Directive 0000](#), Delegations of Authority and Designations. This designation will expire four years after signature unless superseded or rescinded at an earlier date.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DMcDonough".

Denis McDonough