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Ms. Maria Esparraguera is a senior civilian attorney in the Judge Advocate General's Corps and the Director of Civilian Personnel, Labor and Employment Law. She provides legal advice to the Army Staff and Secretariat on Civilian personnel policy and other matters affecting Army Civilian employees, including labor relations and civil rights. She oversees the Army Labor Counselor Program which provides advice and representation within Commands Army-wide, and leads a division of senior attorneys and paraprofessionals that advises and represents the Army's most senior leaders in employment matters and litigation. She provides legal advice to The Judge Advocate General on all matters related to the JAG Corps' Civilian employees, and oversees the professional development of over 630 Civilian attorneys and 750 Civilian paraprofessionals in the Judge Advocate Legal Services.

Ms. Esparraguera has over three decades of distinguished service to the government. In 1984, she joined the Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) Legal Office, at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, practicing both acquisition and labor law, where she represented CECOM across the spectrum of employment litigation and labor contract negotiations. Her leadership positions include Chief of the Business Law Division, Fort Monmouth; Chief Counsel, CECOM, Aberdeen Proving Grounds (APG); Chief Counsel of the Army Material Command Legal Center-APG (AMCLC-APG); and Acting Deputy to the CECOM Commanding General.

In 2010 Ms. Esparraguera moved to APG, leading an office that became the AMCLC-APG composed of more than 150 attorneys and staff across six states. She was responsible for all legal matters pertaining to Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) and Research and Development acquisition and litigation strategies. Additional responsibilities included intellectual property, ethics, military law and Freedom of Information Act. There she served as counsel to the Senior Mission Commander, the inspector general, public affairs and Congressional liaison office.

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