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Cynthia R. Ryan is the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) General Counsel responsible for providing advice on all legal issues in the agency's conduct of its worldwide mission. The NGA is a Department of Defense combat support agency and a national intelligence agency. She also is the legal advisor to the NGA Director, the NGA Designated Agency Ethics Official, and responsible for the NGA Intelligence Oversight Program.

Previously, Ms. Ryan was the Chief Counsel of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Also, during her total 17 years with DEA, she was a staff attorney in the Criminal Law Section, established and was the first chief of the International Law Section, and Special Counsel. During her tenure, she participated in several Intelligence Community (IC) and law enforcement working groups to enhance intelligence sharing and operations among the law enforcement, intelligence, and defense communities.

Before joining DEA, Ms. Ryan was a Trial Attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, Staff Counsel on the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee of Investigations, and a Deputy Attorney General (Criminal Division) for the State of Delaware.

Ms. Ryan is a graduate of the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government Senior Fellows Executive Program, NGA Leading Culture By Design, the Intelligence Fellows Program, the Intelligence Community Senior Leadership Program, the Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management IC Executive Leader Program (EXCEL), and the NGA Charting the Leadership Course.

Ms. Ryan has received numerous performance awards, most notably the Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award (2013), the Distinguished Executive Presidential Rank Award (2001), and the NGA Distinguished Civilian Service Medal ((2010). For her outstanding career achievements, Ms. Ryan was presented awards from her alma maters, the Widener University School of Law and the University of Delaware.

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