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Senate Confirmation and Presidential Appointment of Susan S. Gibson as NRO Inspector General



**The Honorable
Susan S. Gibson**

The Senate confirmed and the President officially appointed Susan S. Gibson as the first Presidentially appointed and Senate-confirmed Inspector General for the National Reconnaissance Office.

“I am pleased to hear the United States Senate confirmed the nomination of Ms. Gibson. Susan’s impressive background, extensive Intelligence Community experience, and superior integrity will enhance the NRO’s strong corporate governance and its stewardship of taxpayer dollars. I’m certain she will help the NRO continue to operate efficiently and with greater transparency,” said NRO Director Betty Sapp.

Prior to joining the NRO, Ms. Gibson served as Principal Deputy General Counsel for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence since April 2012, providing invaluable legal guidance on issues concerning intelligence reform, government procurement and fiscal law, privacy and information sharing, ethics, and administrative law, among other areas. In 2015, Ms. Gibson received a Presidential Meritorious Rank Award for her “sustained extraordinary accomplishment” as a career member of the Senior Executive Service.

Ms. Gibson served for more than 20 years in the Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps, retiring as a Colonel. During her military career, she prosecuted and defended at court-martials; taught criminal law, constitutional law, and law of armed conflict at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point; was the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; the Staff Judge Advocate for the Army’s Criminal Investigation Command; a senior attorney at U.S. Pacific Command; and provided legal advice on intelligence operations at the Defense Intelligence Agency.

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Ms. Gibson received her B.A. from Monmouth College, Illinois; her J.D. from Seattle University; and two LL.M.s: one in Military and Operational Law from the Army Judge Advocate General's School, and a second in National Security Law from the University of Virginia.

Ms. Gibson is a strong advocate of service to others. She was General Counsel for Women in Technology, a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Ms. Gibson served on the Board of Directors for the City of Fairfax Theatre Company and as an Ambassador for the Shakespeare Theatre Company.

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