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U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board



## GENERAL COUNSEL

### Thomas Goonan

#### U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB)

Mr. Thomas Goonan currently serves as the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board's (CSB), General Counsel.

Prior to joining the CSB in May of 2019, he served as the Chief Counsel of the Army's Natick Soldier Legal Office since January 2015. In that position Mr. Goonan provided legal advice and support to the NSSC Senior Commander, the Combat Capabilities Development Command-Soldier Center SES Director and staff, The Garrison Commander, and other senior Army leadership on the installation.

Mr. Goonan's experience includes over 30 years of service to the US Army, including 4 years of active duty as a member of the US Army Judge Advocate General's Corps.

He has served as a Staff Judge Advocate in all three Army components and has had multiple assignments within the Army Materiel Command to include the US Army Test and Evaluation Command (TECOM), Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC), Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC), and Natick Soldier Systems Center (NSSC).

Immediately prior to returning to Natick, Mr. Goonan served as the Chief Counsel of the Army's 13,000 employee Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM), Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

Mr. Goonan is a magna cum laude graduate of Norwich University and holds advanced degrees from New England School of Law, Johns Hopkins University, and the US Army War College. He has also completed the Army Materiel Command's Depot and Arsenal Executive Leadership Program (DAELP), the National Security Management Course at Syracuse University's Maxwell Graduate School, and the Senior Executives in National and International Security Course at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Mr. Goonan's awards and decorations include the Superior Civilian Service Award, Commander's Award for Civilian Service, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (6th award), and Army Commendation Medal (4th award). In 2015 Mr. Goonan received the Baltimore Federal Executive Board Bronze Award.