



# Department of Defense Intellectual Property Forum 2023

## **Angayurkanni (Kanna) Annamalai-Brown**

*Chief of the Air Force (AF) Intellectual Property (IP) Cadre*



Angayurkanni (Kanna) Annamalai-Brown is the first Chief of the Air Force (AF) Intellectual Property (IP) Cadre. The Cadre is a small team of multifunctional experts from Program Management, Contracting, Logistics, Science/Engineering and Attorneys. The team is tasked with assisting the Air Force handle Intellectual Property issues in a way that will allow for innovation, speed and cost savings to the Government and be beneficial to industry as well. She serves a leader in the SAF/AQ Diversity and Inclusion Advisors Group (DIAG). She also serves on the DoD 2040 Task Force (D2T) on the External Equities Line of Effort. Previously, Kanna was a Senior Procurement Analyst for the Policy Division of Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary (Contracting)

Assistant Secretary (Acquisition). In that position, she was responsible for acquisition policy issues in the legal, foreign acquisition and government furnished property realms. She was Procurement Analyst for the Contracting Operations Division ensuring that acquisition for major business, IT and weapon systems are effective, timely and on-cost while meeting many diverse policy and socio-economic goals of the Federal Acquisition process.

Previously, Ms. Annamalai-Brown was the Division Chief for Operational Contracting (AFLCMC/PZI) at Hanscom AFB. She supervised 45+ military and civilian personnel engaged in solicitation and of over a \$100M+ in contracts annually. Additionally, she spearheaded an extensive effort to the overhaul budget/obligations process with the 66ABG CC and 66 CPTS. Ms. Annamalai-Brown has over 13 years' experience in various aspects of Government Contracting including holding an unlimited US warrant and a special NAPMA (NATO) warrant since 2012.

Before entering public service, Ms. Annamalai-Brown was an attorney in private practice for almost 15 years. Simultaneously for nearly seven years, Kanna served as Program Director and Instructor for a junior college Paralegal Studies Program overseeing 4 full time faculty, 10+ part-time faculty, 100+ program majors and covering 3 campuses in 2 states.

### **EDUCATION**

1989 Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, Boston University

1993 Certified Mediator, Capital University Center for Dispute Resolution  
1993 Juris Doctorate, Southern Illinois University School of Law

### **CAREER CHRONOLOGY**

2009 - 2010 Contract Specialist, ESC/PK, 850<sup>th</sup> Group, Hanscom, MA

2010 - 2012 Contract Specialist, AFLCMC/HISK, Hanscom, MA

2012 - 2013 Procurement Contracting Officer, AFLCMC/HBSKI, Hanscom, MA

2013 - 2014 Supervisory Contracting Officer, AFLCMC/HNAK, Hanscom, MA

2014 - 2016 Division Chief, Operational Contracting, AFLCMC/PZI, Hanscom, MA

2016 - 2019 Procurement Analyst/Team Lead, SAF/AQCK, Pentagon, DC

2017 - 2019 Senior Procurement Analyst, SAF/AQCK, Pentagon, DC

2019 - Present, Chief - The AF IP Cadre, SAF/AQCC, Pentagon, DC



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## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2014 AFLCMC Civilian of the Year Award (Systems)

2013 ESC Outstanding Contracting Civilian of the Quarter

(Operational/Specialized) 2013 AFLCMC Hanscom Outstanding

Contracting Civilian of the Quarter (Systems) 2016 AFLCMC

Outstanding Operational Contracting Unit Annual Award, PZI

Hanscom 2017 Outstanding Customer Support Team SAF/AQ

Annual Award, SAF/AQCK