



# Department of Defense Intellectual Property Forum 2023

## **Patrick Coll**

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In July 2021, Pat was selected to serve as Deputy Counsel for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition. For the preceding five years, Pat served as Counsel to the Program Executive Officer for Tactical Aircraft (PEO(T)) after having served as Counsel, Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers and Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) Logistics (COMFRC/AIR 6.0) from 2012 - 2016. Top paragraph.

During the preceding 10 years, Pat served primarily with NAVAIR as Associate Counsel for various naval aviation programs, including the F/A-18 Program, the H-60 Program, the Presidential Helicopter Program, the E-2/C-2 Program, and most recently the P-3/P-8 Program, working primarily on procurement issues.

Prior to joining NAVAIR, Pat was the 2000 Navy Office of General Counsel Harvey Wilcox Fellow assigned to the Office of the General Counsel at the Pentagon. From 1995 - 2000, Pat served as an Assistant Counsel for the Navy Public Works Center Norfolk, Virginia, which is a part of Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command. In this capacity, Pat served his clients in a variety of areas, including procurement law issues, labor and employment law matters, privatization and outsourcing efforts, ethics advice and training, and environmental issues. During his career, Pat was fortunate to be awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service medal in 1997 and 2016, and the Superior Civilian Service medal in 2023.

Pat earned his B.A. in political science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1986, and his J.D. (cum laude) from the University of Richmond in 1994. He has been a member of the Virginia State Bar since 1994.

In between his undergraduate and graduate studies, Pat served as an officer in the U.S. Navy from 1986 - 1990, principally as an engineering officer aboard the U.S.S. Guam (LPH-9). In addition, from 1990-1991, Pat worked as a project engineer for a defense contractor.

Pat is lucky enough to be married to Robin Ray Coll of Danville, Virginia. Robin is a Supervisory Associate Counsel with the Navy Acquisition Integrity Office, and is a successful romance novelist on the side. Together, Pat and Robin take great joy in raising their son, Rory Mason, 21, and their daughter, Fiona Covington, 18. Prior to children, Pat enjoyed flying and boating, and retains an ever-fading hope of returning to both.