

Robert DeConti

Robert DeConti the Chief Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Counsel to the Inspector General (OCIG), Department of Health and Human Services.

Mr. DeConti is responsible for providing executive leadership of OCIG in its delivery of all legal services to HHS OIG, including advice on audits, investigations, evaluations, and OIG operations; representation of OIG in civil and administrative fraud enforcement; and issuance of guidance to the health care industry. This includes leading the delivery of accurate, timely, objective, and valuable legal advice to OIG in furtherance of OIG's strategic goals. Prior to becoming Chief Counsel, he served for more than a decade as an Assistant Inspector General (AIG) for Legal Affairs. In that role, he was the signatory for OIG advisory opinions on the application of OIG's fraud and abuse authorities to the requesting party's existing or proposed business arrangements. He was also responsible for leading OCIG's work related to waivers of certain fraud and abuse laws for purposes of testing new health care payment and service delivery models developed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Mr. DeConti has extensive experience leading attorneys who have worked with Department of Justice Trial Attorneys and Assistant United States Attorneys to resolve health care fraud matters involving OIG's permissive exclusion authorities. He has led OIG's negotiation of Corporate Integrity Agreements (CIAs) with a wide range of providers from across the health care industry. From 2012 to 2016, he served as the OIG signatory on behalf of HHS for all False Claims Act settlements and CIAs nationwide.

Prior to becoming AIG in 2012, for five years Mr. DeConti was the Chief of the Administrative and Civil Remedies Branch, the largest of three branches in the Office of Counsel, with responsibility for the office's enforcement and compliance monitoring activities. Mr. DeConti has served for more than 24 years in OCIG.

In 2007, Mr. DeConti served as a Special Trial Attorney in DOJ's Fraud Section, Criminal Division, where he prosecuted matters in connection with phase one of the Medicare Fraud Strike Force in the Southern District of Florida. Prior to working at OIG, he worked in the general counsel's office at a managed care organization in Maryland.

Mr. DeConti is a graduate of the University of Virginia. He received his juris doctor from American University's Washington College of Law.