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In March 2000 under the auspices of the Intelligence Community Assignment Program, Paul Morris joined the National Security Agency's Office of General Counsel on a detail assignment from the Central Intelligence Agency. Mr. Morris initially handled litigation matters for NSA/OGC, to include the Agency's involvement in the Hanssen espionage case. He later served as an OGC section chief responsible for personnel & security issues. In August 2003, Mr. Morris began providing legal support to NSA's Information Assurance Directorate. Immediately prior to becoming NSA's Deputy General Counsel (Operations) in February 2014, Mr. Morris was the head of NSA/OGC's Intelligence Law Practice Group. In his current position, Mr. Morris oversees NSA/OGC's practice groups for Legislation, Intelligence Law, and Information Assurance & Cyber Security.

Mr. Morris began his career in the Intelligence Community as an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency in 1987. Before joining CIA's Office of General Counsel, Mr. Morris served tours of duty in CIA's Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Security, and Counterintelligence Center. As a CIA/OGC attorney, Mr. Morris' major areas of practice included litigation, personnel, and security matters. He converted to staff NSA employment in February 2002.

Mr. Morris received his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and his law degree from the George Washington University. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and completed Harvard Law School's Program of Instruction for Lawyers. He was a member of the NSA/OGC team of the year in 2001 and was named NSA/OGC attorney of the year in 2004. He is also a recipient of the National Intelligence Exceptional Achievement Medal.

Mr. Morris' wife, Linda, is also a graduate of the University of Maryland and received her master's degree in elementary education from Johns Hopkins University. She currently is an elementary school teacher in the Howard County Public School System. Mr. and Mrs. Morris' son is a graduate of St. Mary's College of Maryland and currently works for a technology company in Baltimore.