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General Counsels Since 1935

Name	Period of Service	
	From ¹	To
Charles Fahy (D)	09/16/35	09/27/40
Robert B. Watts (D)	12/01/40	12/31/43
Alvin J. Rockwell (D)	01/01/44	09/16/45
David A. Morse (D)	09/17/45	06/30/46
Gerhard P. Van Arkel (D)	07/14/46	06/22/47
Robert N. Denham (R)	08/01/47	09/15/50
George J. Bott (D)	09/29/50	12/20/54
Theophil C. Kamholz (R)	03/29/55	01/02/57
Kenneth McGuinness ² (R)	01/03/57	03/03/57
Jerome D. Fenton (R)	03/04/57	06/28/59
Stuart Rothman (R)	06/29/59	05/13/63
Arnold Ordman (D)	05/14/63	06/25/71
Eugene G. Goslee ² (R)	06/26/71	08/23/71
Peter G. Nash (R)	08/24/71	08/14/75
John C. Miller ² (R)	08/15/75	11/30/75
John S. Irving (R)	12/01/75	10/19/79
Norton J. Come ² (D)	10/20/79	12/23/79
William A. Lubbers ³ (D)	12/24/79	04/24/84
Wilford W. Johansen ² (R)	04/27/84	10/12/84
Rosemary M. Collyer ⁴ (R)	10/16/84	04/03/89
Joseph E. DeSio ² (R)	04/04/89	11/22/89
Jerry M. Hunter (R)	11/28/89	11/27/93
Daniel Silverman ² (D)	11/28/93	03/02/94
Frederick L. Feinstein ⁵ (D)	03/03/94	11/19/99
	11/29/99	04/20/01

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Leonard R. Page ⁶ (D)		
John E. Higgins, Jr. ⁷ (R)	05/16/01	06/03/01
Arthur F. Rosenfeld ⁸ (R)	06/04/01	06/03/05
John E. Higgins, Jr. ⁹ (R)	06/04/05	06/30/05
Arthur F. Rosenfeld ¹⁰ (R)	07/01/05	01/03/06
Ronald Meisburg ¹¹ (R)	01/04/06	06/18/10
Lafe Solomon ¹² (D)	06/21/10	11/4/13
Richard F. Griffin, Jr. (D)	11/4/13	

¹ Date at beginning period of service may be appointment, continuation, or oath of office. General Counsels whose service began prior to 1947 were appointed by the Board; those whose terms began subsequently were appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

² Acting General Counsel.

³ Served under a recess appointment from 12/24/79 to 4/22/80.

⁴ Served under a recess appointment from 10/16/84 to 4/3/85.

⁵ Upon expiration of term on 3/2/98, President Clinton appointed Mr. Feinstein Acting General Counsel. On 10/22/98, he received a recess appointment to serve as General Counsel.

⁶ Served under a recess appointment by President Clinton from 11/29/99 to 12/15/00. He was designated Acting General Counsel on 12/19/00.

⁷ Appointed Acting General Counsel by President Bush on 5/16/01.

⁸ Nominated by President Bush on 5/24/01 for a 4-year term. Confirmed by Senate 5/26/01.

⁹ Acting General Counsel.

¹⁰ Appointed Acting General Counsel by President Bush.

¹¹ Served under a recess appointment by President Bush from 1/4/06 until confirmed by Senate on 8/3/06 for a 4-year term that began on 8/14/06 when President Bush signed his commission.

¹² Appointed Acting General Counsel by President Obama.