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Ryan Donaldson, Esq., serves as Executive Vice President of Business Operations and General Counsel for the Navy League of the United States. This role works closely with the National Executive Director, the National President and the Executive Committee to implement programmatic strategy at the national level.

Donaldson works across departments to negotiate contractual obligations for the Navy League, its building entities and its foundation. She also oversees the management structure of the Navy League Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to awarding scholarship to sea service member descendants. Her role includes oversight of revenue growth and management of the Navy League building entities, including federal regulation compliance.

Donaldson has held a variety of roles during her tenure at the Navy League. These positions have included Senior Vice President of Support Services and Corporate Counsel; Senior Director of Contracts and Finance; and Director of Programs, during which time she championed the Navy League STEM Program and worked successfully with her colleagues to obtain a STEM grant from the Office of Naval Research. She began her tenure at the Navy League as the Executive Assistant to the National President and Executive Director.

Donaldson's previous assignments include working as a defense research analyst at Miller Group International. She has worked for the subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law of the House Judiciary Committee, where she crafted legislation maintaining clients' civil privilege rights while also providing the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General the ability to review legal aid client records for financial management, fiscal record and expenditure efficiencies, and prevent attorney-client privilege violations.

While in law school at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, she was a member of the Moot Court Board of Governors and the International Environmental Law Seminar. Donaldson participated in the fair representation of Ohio residents in housing discrimination disputes when working at the Fair Housing Clinic division of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. She also represented the state of Ohio against felon attempts to overturn convictions by drafting numerous appellate briefs at Ohio's largest state appellate court. She also served as mentor to incoming law students.