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Suzanne Will is the Regional Counsel for the San Francisco Region's Office of General Counsel in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Ms. Will provides all legal services for the VA facilities located in California, Hawaii, Pacific Trust Territories, Manila, and the Republic of the Philippines. She has the largest Region in the Office of General Counsel, with over 40 attorneys, paralegals, and support staff.

Prior to joining the VA as a staff attorney, Ms. Will worked in private practice as a trial attorney, eventually becoming a partner in the law firm of Cordova and Will. Her work focused primarily on land use, real estate, product liability, and environmental law. After joining the VA as a staff attorney in 1994, she was promoted in 1997 to Assistant Regional Counsel. One year later, in 1998, she became Regional Counsel, a position she has enjoyed to the present time. The number of staff, the clients, and the responsibilities of her position doubled in 2003 when her original area of jurisdiction was consolidated with Southern California. In 2004, she was appointed to the Senior Executive Service (SES).

In 1970, she received her baccalaureate from the University of Minnesota, graduating magna cum laude with Phi Beta Kappa honors. Thereafter, she received a degree in commercial interior design, working for various institutions, including the Department of Navy in San Bruno, CA. In 1977, she decided to change her career path and applied to law school. She attended the University of San Francisco, at night, while continuing to work full-time during the day, graduating with a JD. She passed the California Bar in 1981.

Ms. Will is a graduate of Leadership VA 2000, the SESCDP class of 2004, and the inaugural class of the VA Executive Fellows Program in 2007. In 2009, she received the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Senior Executive Service. She has been married to Bob Davis for 39 years and has two grown children, Casey Jane and Alexander.