

### **George M. Simmerman, Jr.** Vice President and Chief Counsel

George M. Simmerman, Jr. is the vice president and chief counsel for the Ingalls Shipbuilding division of HII. Named to this position in 2014, George provides legal advice and counsel, in coordination with HII's executive vice president and chief legal officer, to senior division management and oversees and coordinates with other HII lawyers who report to him, the provision of legal advice to the division.



Previous to this position and since 2011, he served as corporate vice president and deputy general counsel for HII, and from 2008 to 2011 as vice president, assistant general counsel and sector counsel for Northrop Grumman's Shipbuilding sector.

George has practiced law since 1983. He is a member of the American, Alabama, Mississippi, and Jackson County Bar Associations. He is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and he has served as president, vice president and treasurer of the Jackson County Bar Association, on the board of directors for the Mississippi Bar's Young Lawyers Section and the Loyola University School of Law's Annual Longshore Act Conference, as President of the University of Mississippi School of Law's Student Government, and as the Mississippi chair of the American Bar Association's Public Contract Law Section.

He holds an AV Preeminent Peer Review rating from Martindale-Hubbell and has completed executive education programs in finance, general management and leadership, and executive marketing strategy, respectively, at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, Harvard University's Business School and the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business. George was in private practice before joining Litton Industries, Inc. (which formerly owned Ingalls Shipbuilding) in 1991.

He has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Federal, Fifth, Ninth and Eleventh Circuits. He received a Bachelor of Science degree, with honors, in Political Science from Spring Hill College in 1980, and graduated with honors as a Juris Doctor from the University of Mississippi's School of Law in 1983.

Employing more than 11,000 employees, HII's Ingalls Shipbuilding division is the largest manufacturing employer in Mississippi and a major contributor to the economic growth of Alabama. For nearly 85 years, Ingalls has designed, built and maintained amphibious ships, destroyers, and cutters for the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard. The largest supplier of U.S. Navy surface combatants, Ingalls is simultaneously building four classes of ships and has pioneered the development and production of technologically advanced, highly capable ships for the surface Navy fleet for decades. Our shipbuilders are honored to build tomorrow's fleet today.