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Stephen Ravas became Counsel to the Inspector General in August 2019. Prior to joining CNCS-OIG, Mr. Ravas served as Assistant Counsel to the Inspector General for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). There he was the lead attorney for investigative issues related to criminal procedure, law enforcement techniques, and the Special Agent Handbook, and participated in and provided legal counsel for multi-disciplinary investigations, audits and inspections. Before this, Mr. Ravas served as Special Investigative Counsel for the Department of Commerce OIG, where he focused on administrative and ethics investigations and performed a detail to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia as a Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA). As a SAUSA, Mr. Ravas advised and directed federal agents in ongoing investigations, and represented the United States in federal district court and in grand jury proceedings. Mr. Ravas began his legal career as a law clerk for the Hon. Paul D. Borman, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan. He then entered the private practice of law, representing individuals and Fortune 500 companies in white-collar criminal defense matters, including alleged antitrust violations. He holds degrees from James Madison University and Wayne State Law School, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the Wayne Law Review.