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## **Corps of Engineers District welcomes new chief counsel**

**SAVANNAH, GEORGIA** – The [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Savannah District](#) recently selected G. Rogers (Bitsy) Sloan as the new District Counsel for its 1,160-member organization headquartered in downtown, Savannah, Ga. As the District Counsel, Sloan serves as the chief legal advisor to the Savannah District commander and the senior civilian staff which oversees military construction projects at 12 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and South Carolina, and water resource activities in Georgia and a portion of South Carolina. She manages a staff of 21 attorneys and professional members providing legal representation across a broad spectrum of mission areas.

Before joining the Savannah District, Sloan served as Assistant Division Counsel for the Mississippi Valley Division/Mississippi River Commission in Vicksburg, Miss., advising the Division Commander and senior leaders. In addition, she served as the Legal Services Team Leader for the New Orleans, La., Memphis, Tenn., and St. Paul, Minn., Districts. Following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, she served as Counsel to Task Force Hope (TFH), a Corps team formed after the devastation created by the hurricane to the Louisiana and Mississippi coasts. In her role as Counsel to TFH, she acted as the primary contact for integrated legal services in support of the hurricane recovery operation, and the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System work in New Orleans and Southeast Louisiana. Sloan also served in the Pittsburgh, Pa., District as the interim District Counsel.

She began her federal service career with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1986 as a real estate attorney with the Vicksburg District. While employed in the Vicksburg District Office of Counsel, she was selected for a year-long tour in the Chief Counsel's office in Washington, D.C., and served two tours with the Baltimore, Md., District. During her career in private practice, she served as both a criminal defense attorney and city prosecutor.

The Clinton, Mississippi native graduated in 1975 from All Saints High School in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Miss., and a Master of Laws degree in Government Procurement from the National Law Center, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. She is married to John Segrest of Port Gibson, Miss.

Sloan is a member of the Federal Bar Association, American Bar Association, Mississippi Bar, and numerous local and national professional, civic and academic associations. She has received many awards and recognitions throughout her career, including a Commander's Award for Civilian Service and two Department of Army Achievement Medals for Civilian Service. She was named the 2007 Attorney of the Year by the Chief Counsel with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Savannah District provides engineering services to agencies in more than 90 countries worldwide. The District manages a multi-billion dollar military design and construction program and employees work to strengthen the nation's security by building and maintaining America's infrastructure, and protecting and restoring the environment, cleaning sites contaminated by hazardous, toxic and radioactive waste in an effort to sustain the environment, and dredging the waterways to support the movement of critical commodities.

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